

PSU Faculty Senate Resolution

We the PSU Faculty Senate do state the following:

Where as... The PSU Faculty Senate recognizes that the high cost of certain textbooks and ancillary materials can adversely affect the affordability of higher education for PSU students.

Where as... PSU Faculty Senate recognizes the national movement to lower the cost of textbooks on the university and legislative level.

Where as... PSU Faculty Senate realizes that options exist in which the faculty has a direct role in reducing cost to the student.

Where as... The faculty can develop ways of helping students contain the cost of their education, while maintaining their professional and curricular integrity.

Therefore be it resolved...that consistent with the fundamental right and responsibility of faculty to select course materials, maintain principles of academic freedom and preserve the goal of providing high quality education, the PSU Faculty Senate encourages that - when appropriate, academically sound and feasible- course materials are selected in a manner that minimizes the cost to students.

Be it further resolved... that the options and recommendations available for faculty are

- A. Working with publishers and reviewing pricing guides to adopt the least expensive edition of books they wish to choose
- B. Ordering textbooks from the university bookstore at the earliest time possible to ensure the availability of used copies
- C. Using the same edition of major textbooks for a minimum of three years
- D. Requesting books to be sold unbundled whenever possible, either with the option to buy bundled materials separately or not including the extra materials in the order
- E. Ordering extra textbooks to be kept on reserve at the PSU library
- F. Ordering soft-cover, 'no frills', black & white versions of textbooks

A similar resolution has passed in the Associated Student Senate:

ASPSU Student Senate Resolution #2007-01-DF

Consistent with this resolution, the ASPSU strongly urge all faculty to support and consistently follow the recommendations as stated in the above resolution.

Therefore be it further resolved... that we would support this bill and consistently encourage faculty to develop ways to help contain the cost of textbooks.

Respectively Submitted by:

Sen. Scott Burns & Implemented by vote in the PSU Faculty Senate 4/2/2007.