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The Freely Accessible Textbook Act

Whereas, the University of Houston Dean of Libraries is committed to extending affordable reading material to students;

Whereas, the University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library currently offers books from select courses for temporary checkout under their "course reserves" system;

Whereas, the University of Houston Library system does not, currently, accept textbook donations;

Whereas, The University of Houston Library accepting textbook donations would give longevity to the Student Government's Textbook Exchange Program;

Whereas, the University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library can sustain a long-term textbook exchange with donations.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That the library establish a university textbook exchange by accepting textbook and course material donations for their course reserve system for books required in classrooms;

Be it further enacted, that the library process these donations throughout the academic year;

Be it further enacted, that the library will advertise the ability to donate course material;

Be it further enacted, that all available books be advertised as available on the internet through the library's catalog by the end of Spring 2019;

Be it further enacted, that all books collected as part of the Student Government's Textbook Exchange, as established by President Barrett, will be transferred to the Library's Course Reserve System;

Be it further enacted, that all books collected will be placed in the course reserved system if the book is selected for the following semester;

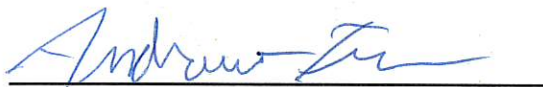
Be it further enacted, that course evaluations will include a textbook utilization question to gauge the necessity of the textbook(s) for academic success in each course.



Cameron Barrett
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APPROVED



Andrew Trinh
Speaker of Senate

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