



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 30-02

A Resolution Encouraging the Increased Adoption of Free or Reduced Cost Textbooks for Students at the University of Georgia

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WHEREAS, according to the Center for Teaching and Learning report on Open Educational Resources (OERs), “OERs have saved more than 26,000 UGA students approximately \$3.1 million in textbook costs since fall 2013;” and,

WHEREAS, in preliminary research conducted after the adoption of OERs in UGA introductory classes, performance for all students improved and the achievement gap narrowed for students who received the Pell grant, are members of a racial minority, or are enrolled part-time; and,

WHEREAS, students, faculty, staff, and administrators at UGA propose a variety of options for addressing the high costs of textbooks for students; and,

WHEREAS, affordability for students encompasses more than textbook pricing alone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 30th administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, encourages the executive board to present a plan to address textbook affordability to Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Pamela Whitten; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 30th administration of the Student Government Association will work with administrators to ensure that faculty interests are included and their academic freedom is not infringed upon; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the 30th administration of the Student Government Association will encourage the creation of a committee with the Provost to explore different options to address student affordability, including OERs for textbooks.

CITATIONS:

<http://ctl.uga.edu/oer>