WHEREAS according to a study of data collected by the Census Bureau, textbooks have increased in prices by 812% in the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS the College Board states that students spend $1,168 per year on textbooks; and

WHEREAS professors have the ability to select the textbooks that are required for their particular course; and

WHEREAS the U.S. News & World Report published that roughly one-fifth of a textbook’s price goes to the store where it is sold while more than three-quarters goes straight to the publisher; and

WHEREAS according to WSU Policy 8.11, it is the responsibility of the instructor faculty to make options available to the WSU Bookstore and to students; and

WHEREAS only 75% of classes had a textbook adoption submitted last fall for the Spring 2017 semester and not all of these adoptions were submitted by the deadline set by the bookstore; and

WHEREAS only 30% of classes had a textbook adoption submitted by the October 1st deadline this fall for the Spring 2018 semester; and

WHEREAS adoptions being made in a timely manner allows for many benefits for students through the bookstore, including but not limited to the purchase of textbooks back from students, the purchase of textbooks on the wholesale market while the inventory levels are high, and the discovery of alternative options for the course materials; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 60th Session Senate of Student Government Association encourages professors to turn in their textbook adoption list on time and keep in mind the costliness of textbooks while making the selections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 60th Session Senate of Student Government Association urges Wichita State University to reconsider its policy on textbook adoption submissions and create a section that holds professors accountable for failing to submit the adoption by the University Bookstore’s deadline; and

BE IT FURTHER that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to Dr. John Bardo, President of the University; Dr. Anthony J. Vizzini, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Richard Muma, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management; Kevin Konda, the Interim Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services; Andi Stipp, Director of the University Bookstore; the Faculty Senate of Wichita State University; The Wichita Eagle, the newspaper serving the Greater-Wichita Metropolitan area; and The Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University.

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