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In Support of a Textbook Affordability Taskforce

- *Whereas,* the cost of textbooks pose a burden to Winona State University students and comprises a large sum of students' expenses,
- *Whereas,* studies have shown that high costs of textbooks hinder the academic success of students,
- *Whereas*, students need more textbook options and increased access to textbooks through textbook reserves on the Winona State Campus,
- *Whereas,* faculty should be aware of this financial burden put on students by their recommended course materials,
- *Whereas,* students should be aware of existing resources available on campus such as the textbook reserves,
- *Therefore be it resolved,* WSUSS and WSUSS Academic Affairs Committee in partnership with the Academic Affairs office, WSU Foundation, Darrell W. Krueger Library, WSU Bookstore, faculty, staff and administration, and TLT, create a task force to recommend alternative resources and materials for educational purposes,
- *Therefore be it further resolved,* WSUSS and WSUSS Academic Affairs Committee and their partners implement a Textbook Affordability Task Force for the 2019-2020 academic year to advocate for awareness of affordable instructional material alternatives to reduce the financial burden on students.

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