Executive Order

TO: Cabinet, Senate, House, and Supreme Court

FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President

DATE: April 22, 2019

SUBJ: The establishment of a Student Government Text Book lending program

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of Student Government, including Title IV. Chapter 100, Article I, Sections (3) (4); I, COREY BENBOW, Student Body President do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

Textbooks are expensive, accounting for $1,298 on average, for students in a public, in-state, four-year university, per year. This additional expense can make it difficult for students to afford college.

Affordability is only one aspect of textbooks, as many students simply refuse to buy textbooks due to cost. The lack of access to textbooks due to financial constraints can hinder a student's ability to succeed. Taking a course without a textbook, while sometimes financially necessary, can cause these students to lag behind their peers who opted to purchase the textbook(s).
Section 2. Action.

(A) The Student Government Director of Finance will explore the feasibility of creating a Student Government Text Book lending program.

(B) The program shall include a structure for collecting text books i.e. collecting text books from fellow students at the end of each semester beginning Fall 2019.

(C) The program shall include a process for checking out text books i.e. textbooks will be checked out to students taking similar courses at the beginning of the subsequent semester.

(D) The program shall include a process for collecting student information for check out i.e. the students receiving the textbooks will be required to provide their contact information for the purpose of collecting the textbooks at the end of the semester post-check out.

(E) The Finance Commission will work on legislation and present the feasibility and logistics of the program implementation for approval to the Senate no later than August 26, 2019

Student Body President, Corey Benbow

1 https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/college-costs/quick-guide-college-costs