

Resolution 024
**A Resolution to Encourage Professors to Utilize The University Bookstore
Textbook Services**

Sponsored By: Senator Birth

**Co-Sponsored By: Senator Besendorfer, Senator Marsden, Senator Schlee,
Senator Zentz**

Whereas,

On average in the United States a student spends \$153 per course on textbooks¹, which amounts to \$765 per semester for a typical 5 course semester, and Catholic University Students often find themselves paying similar or at times greater amounts for their necessary texts.

Whereas,

The burden of fulfilling tuition payments can be financially strenuous for many students, and the added responsibility of paying for textbooks can intensify these struggles.

Whereas,

Professors and department administration have access to services via the Barnes and Noble University Bookstore to give students the titles of texts in advance to the start of class, but it is not regularly updated to reflect the accurate texts.

Whereas,

When the bookstore website is not updated, many courses default to the standard texts for the course. This can mislead many students, particularly freshmen, into spending an unnecessary amount of money on books they later find out are not included in the syllabus.

Whereas,

Students often find alternative means for purchasing textbooks, making returns in this situation particularly hard; therefore students may unnecessarily lose an extensive amount of money.

Whereas,

Some professors use the same texts every year due their personal ease of access, without regard for their changing accessibility or price point for students.

Be it enacted that

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that professors and administrators are urged to update the accurate texts needed for their courses on the University Bookstore website in a timely manner, as well as be cognizant of the availability and price point of texts, both

¹ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/whats-behind-the-soaring-cost-of-college-textbooks/>

through the bookstore and other prominent sources, so that the financial barrier of acquiring texts is minimized.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

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