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Student Government Establishment of a Free Textbook Exchange

By the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the Bylaws of the University of Houston Student Government Association, and consistent with Title III, Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Bylaws, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. Purpose.

Textbooks are expensive, accounting for \$1,250 on average, for students in a public, in-state, four-year university, per year.¹ 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 Association Executive Branch, at the end of the Spring 2018 semester, Summer 2018 session, and Fall 2018 semester will collect textbooks from fellow students.
- (B) These textbooks will be rented out to students taking similar courses at the beginning of the subsequent semester.
- (C) 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-rental.



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