S2021-R9 – Menstrual Hygiene Initiative

WHEREAS, The University of North Texas aims to facilitate the development of a socially just and intentionally inclusive environment,

WHEREAS, 86% of women over the age of 18 have started their period unexpectedly in public without the needed supplies, and this lack of immediate access to menstrual products can directly affect class attendance, and therefore academic performance and emotional health of a UNT student1,

WHEREAS, lack of access to menstrual products significantly harms socioeconomically disadvantaged university students who are not able to afford menstrual products and who must miss class/sacrifice the quality of their education for their menstrual cycle,

WHEREAS, periods are a normal bodily process, and no menstruator should have to pay for menstrual products (just as no one pays for toilet paper and soap), as access to these products should be a right,

WHEREAS, University of North Texas Student Government Association has been working on a Menstrual Hygiene Products Initiative since the Kara/Thomas Administration in 2018, which was devoted to providing menstruators necessary products to further their education and the goal of equity and inclusivity within the UNT campus,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, starting Fiscal Year 2022, in order to ensure that UNT SGA is continuously furthering the Menstrual Hygiene Initiative in order to create a more equitable campus, we urge every administration after the Luecke/Combs administration to do the following:

1. Hold a university-wide donation drive (led by SGA) that collects menstrual products every year, incentivizing and partnering with student organizations (ex. Greek Life, social-justice organizations, Homecoming, etc).
2. Actively work towards implementing baskets with menstrual products in all of the women’s and unisex bathrooms (13 maximum, depending on how many supplies SGA has that year) in the Union building.
3. Make sure an SGA officer is responsible for regularly (bimonthly) making sure the products are properly allocated/refilled regularly depending on SGA supply.

1https://www.freethetampons.org
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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

Cameron Combs
Speaker of the Senate

04/15/2021

Presidential Action:
☑ Approved

Michael Luecke
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