



## Tax-Free Textbooks Resolution S2017-R2

**WHEREAS,** The Student Government Association of the University of North Texas is stating the sentiments of the Student Senate urging students to work closely with their legislators in exempting textbooks purchased by college students from higher education sales tax.

**WHEREAS,** At the University of North Texas, of the estimated seventy-five percent of students that receive financial aid and scholarships, about sixty percent of those students receive need based financial aid.

**WHEREAS,** According to estimates from the College Board website, students at public four-year institutions spend an average of more than \$1,200 on textbooks and supplies each year.

**WHEREAS,** Higher education is vital to the future of our workforce, economy and country, yet many college students today are unable to access their required course materials due to rapidly rising costs.

**WHEREAS,** Many states have offered some type of tax break for college textbooks. These states include Connecticut, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, which exempts sale tax on the purchase of college textbooks.

**WHEREAS,** Studies show that since 2006, the cost of a college textbook has increased by 73 percent.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** that the Student Government Association of the University of North Texas strongly supports efforts by the Texas State Legislature to establish tax-exemption on textbooks for all college students, and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Student Government Association of the University of North Texas urge students statewide to work closely with their legislators in abolishing the higher education sales tax on college textbooks, and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,**

A copy of this R5-S2017 be sent to the President of the University of North Texas, the Chancellor of the UNT system, Representative Lynn Stucky of Texas State House District 64,

Senator Jane Nelson of Texas State Senate District 12, and Senator Craig Estes of Texas State Senate District 30.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Senator Misaki Collins**  
*College of Arts and Sciences*

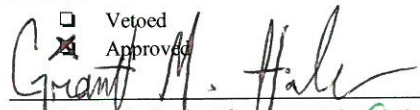
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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.


  
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*Speaker of the Senate*

May 3, 2017  
Date

**Presidential Action:**

Vetoed  
 Approved  
  
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*President of the Student Government Association*

5/3/2017  
Date

  
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*Vice President of Student Affairs*

6.23.17  
Date