



UMKC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

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Title: The Open Textbook Access Act

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Vote Tally:

Passed by Acclamation of
the Senate Public Relations
Committee

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Whereas: This Student Senate is the Legislative Body of the UMKC Student Government Association authorized to deliberate, vote upon, and approve legislative acts;

Whereas: Open textbooks are a form of free or cost-reduced resource that provides students and instructors a cost-consciousness alternative to expensive, traditional textbooks;

Whereas: The quality of open textbooks has dramatically improved over the last decade, enough so that they rival the quality of traditional textbooks current used throughout collegiate academia;

Whereas: Traditional textbooks are an immense expense borne by students already facing rising costs in education;

Whereas: The Open Textbook Alliance is an organization seeking to initiate and expand the use of open textbooks at UMKC; and

Whereas: Scott Curtis, of AOER, has requested this Legislative Body's expressed support of the Open Textbook Alliance mission as it continues to endeavor expanding access to and incorporation of open textbooks at UMKC;

Therefore: Be it Proclaimed by the UMKC Student Senate assembled that the Senate supports expanding access to open textbooks and the incorporation of open textbooks into courses provided at UMKC.

Furthermore: The Senate calls upon members of the UMKC Faculty to embrace and adopt open textbook resources as primary textbooks in their courses.

Furthermore: The Senate shall continue to examine avenues that it, as a legislative body, may take in further facilitating the expansion and use of open textbooks at UMKC.

EXECUTIVE DETERMINATION

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As President of the UMKC Student Government Association, I declare the above legislative proposal:

APPROVED: _____

VETOED: _____

Without Amendment: _____

With Amendments: _____

SIGNATURE: _____
UMKC SGA PRESIDENT