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SR 189-004B

To Encourage Use of Open Educational Resources

Sponsors: Mitchell

First Considered: 12/03/2017

- Whereas,** The cost of textbooks places a financial burden on students; **and**
- Whereas,** Tuition continues to increase at UA, making attending the University of Alaska more costly each year for students; **and**
- Whereas,** According to the UAF Financial Aid Office, UAF students spend an average of \$2000.00 on textbooks annually; **and**
- Whereas,** UAF eLearning is using open educational resources, defined by Southern Connecticut State University as, resources that are freely available for viewing and/or use; **and**
- Whereas,** Numerous faculty at UAF currently use open educational resources in their classes; **and**
- Whereas,** The Rasmuson Library offers resources to assist faculty in finding open educational resources to use in their classes; **and**
- Whereas,** Students choose not to buy textbooks because of cost, which negatively affects their academic performance; **and**
- Whereas,** According to the Consumer Price Index, the national average of students who choose not to buy textbooks based on cost is 65%; **and**
- Whereas,** According to the College Board, textbook costs have increased by 800% on average in the last thirty years; **Now therefore be it**
- Resolved, that** ASUAF endorses open educational resources; **and be it further**

Resolved, that Faculty Senate consider endorsing open educational resources; **and be it further**

Resolved, that Faculty Senate actively encourages professors to use open educational resources in their courses.

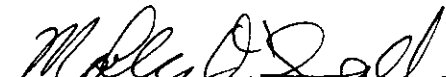
Statement of Purpose: To endorse open educational resources and to encourage faculty to use open educational resources in their classes

Fiscal Impact: None

Final Vote: 9-0-1


Samuel Mitchell, ASUAF Senate Chair

3-1-18
Date


Molly O'Scannell, ASUAF President

3/1/18
Date


ASUAF Clerk

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