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# Adopt Affordable Course Materials

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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TO: President David Dooley  
FROM: Mark Conley, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached RESOLUTION on Affordable Course Materials is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This RESOLUTION was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on November 16, 2017.
3. Please indicate whether or not you support this resolution by completing the response below, provide an explanation for your position if applicable, and return the original copy.



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Mark Conley  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

November 16, 2017

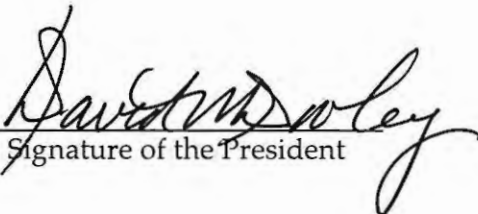
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TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Support

Do Not Support

Explanation attached

  
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Signature of the President

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(date)

## Resolution on Affordable Course Materials

- WHEREAS, the cost of textbooks and other course materials has a significant impact on students' ability to afford their education at URI, and
- WHEREAS, enhancing student success is a core mission of URI, and
- WHEREAS, student learning and success is dependent in part on the quality and accessibility of course materials, and
- WHEREAS, the options for affordable course materials, including but not limited to, Open Educational Resources, continue to increase in number, scope, and quality, and
- WHEREAS, wide and sustainable adoption of affordable course materials will require significant and sustained investment of time and resources at all levels within the University, and
- WHEREAS, the Affordable Course Materials Task Force has taken the first steps towards building resources to help faculty with the evaluation, selection, and employment of affordable course materials, it is hereby
- **RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate of the University of Rhode Island encourages that, wherever possible, faculty adopt affordable course materials and administrators encourage and support the adoption and creation of those materials.**