

A resolution supporting the development of a Menstrual Product Pilot Program.

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WHEREAS, Student health is a priority for the University and imperative for their successful learning and involvement in the campus community; **AND**

WHEREAS, Are a necessity for ensuring student health and providing equal opportunity Students who lack the equal opportunity to be present in the classroom, tend to suffer in terms of performance¹; **AND**

WHEREAS, Students may lack access to these products due to cost and location on campus; **AND**

WHEREAS, Studies show that more than 50% of menstruators lacked appropriate products which caused them to be late to school, leave school early, or miss school altogether¹; **AND**

WHEREAS, In an effort to access and address this need the Wayne State University Student Senate has been working with Facilities to develop the Menstrual Product Pilot Program, **AND**

WHEREAS, The Menstrual Product Pilot Program, will provide three dispensers with free and sustainable menstrual products (pads and tampons) for students in one bathroom in each of these buildings: Student Center, State Hall, and Undergraduate Library **AND**

WHEREAS, The products will be purchased from Aunt Flow, an organization committed to ensuring everyone has access to organic menstrual products. All of their products are 100% organic cotton and biodegradable. Aunt Flow's dispensers are ADA-compliant and hold 50 pads and 50 tampons at a time, **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will allocate up to \$1000 to purchase three Aunt Flow dispensers for one bathroom in each of these buildings: Student Center, State Hall, and Undergraduate Library; **AND**

¹ López, B. (2020, September 23). Title IX And TAMPONS: How the Department of education is failing Student Menstruators. Retrieved April 01, 2021, from <https://accessiblelaw.untDallas.edu/title-ix-and-tampoons-how-department-education-failing-student-menstruators#:~:text=Studies%20show%20more%20than%2050,early%2C%20or%20miss%20school%20altogether.&text=Students%20who%20lack%20the%20equal.to%20suffer%20significant%20performance%20gaps.>

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate calls on the University to allocate \$20,000 implement this pilot program year round in three additional locations: Old Main, General Lectures, Deroy Auditorium and calls upon the University to consider its expansion across all buildings that are frequently used by students; Of that \$20,000, \$1000 will be used to purchase three additional dispensers and \$19,000 will be used to purchase products (1 case of 500 pads (\$125) and 1 case of 500 tampons (\$125) for each bathroom per month); this cost estimate will be reevaluated in Fall 2021 after the data is collected from the Pilot Program **AND**

AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this resolution to all relevant outlets, including the University President, the University Provost, the members of the Board of Governors, the President of the Wayne State University Academic Senate, and *The South End* student newspaper.

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