

A resolution allocating funding for the establishment of the Student Printing Stipend Pilot Program.

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WHEREAS, Students face a significant financial burden when they are required to print assignments to turn in for class credit; **AND**

WHEREAS, Research has shown that students with different learning styles may benefit from printing hard copies of certain electronic class resources and readings to use as study aids;¹ **AND**

WHEREAS, Students with certain learning disabilities may rely upon printed hard copies of their class resources and readings as a necessary and reasonable accommodation to keep up with their classes; **AND**

WHEREAS, With a diverse representation of learning styles and abilities among our student body, it is imperative that the University provide every student with the opportunity to succeed; **AND**

WHEREAS, Due to the financial barriers that prevent them from doing so, the academic performance of students who are unable to obtain access to printed hard copies of their class resources and readings, or to turn in hard copies of assignments for class credit, is negatively impacted; **AND**

WHEREAS, University support for students' academic performance is a critical component to fostering a climate and culture of student success; **AND**

WHEREAS, Against the backdrop of a nation-wide college affordability crisis, efforts to reduce the financial barriers that students face must be supported;² **AND**

¹ A New Study Shows that Students Learn Way More Effectively from Print Textbooks than Screens, *Business Insider*, Oct. 15, 2017. [businessinsider.com/students-learning-education-print-textbooks-screens-study-2017-10](https://www.businessinsider.com/students-learning-education-print-textbooks-screens-study-2017-10).

² Archibald, Robert B., and David H. Feldman. "The College Affordability Crisis?" *Why Does College Cost So Much?*, 2010, pp. 185–198., doi:10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199744503.003.0012.

WHEREAS, it is the core mission of the Wayne State University Student Senate to support initiatives that promote student success and reduce the financial barriers that students face at this University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will allocate \$6,200 in funding to establish the Student Printing Stipend Pilot Program for the 2019-2020 academic year; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Printing Stipend Pilot Program will allow for the purchase of 1,000 Guest One Cards, each preloaded with \$5 in One Card Dollars, minus all production and distribution costs, for students to utilize as printing stipends when printing course materials from the on-campus public printers; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate will distribute the Printing Stipends in partnership with The W Food Pantry at various locations and events throughout the year; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will assess the feasibility of the pilot program throughout the duration of the 2019-2020 academic year in order to determine its success and to glean valuable feedback from students who benefit from the pilot program; **AND**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne State University Student Senate will utilize the data produced from the pilot program to work to advance initiatives that reduce the financial burden of printing for all students going forward.

AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED, that 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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