



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

First Reading: 1-25-22
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Resolution 1-22-S. Resolution to Support the implementation of Barnes & Noble First Day Complete.

- PURPOSE:** For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to support the implementation of the Barnes & Noble First Day Complete Textbook Program.
- WHEREAS:** University officials are currently discussing whether to implement Barnes & Noble First Day Complete, and
- WHEREAS:** This program creates an institutionalized cost for textbooks based on the amount of credit hours a student is enrolled in, and
- WHEREAS:** Students spend \$600 on average each semester of college on textbooks creating a financial challenge for some students, and
- WHEREAS:** Having a set cost may decrease the stress of finding well-priced books and improve the affordability of course materials, and
- WHEREAS:** Students will be able to opt out of the First Day Complete program if deemed unnecessary, and
- WHEREAS:** Implementing the model will create a simpler textbook purchasing experience, and
- WHEREAS:** 85% of students do not purchase or delay purchasing course materials consequently creating a significant number of unprepared students, and
- WHEREAS:** Having this program will further improve the relationship between the University and students as it will improve the experience, accessibility, and needs for academic success, and
- WHEREAS:** Over 240 colleges and universities are offering the program, and
- WHEREAS:** The implementation will allow for competitiveness for incoming students to consider, and
- WHEREAS:** Most, if not all, students will encounter required course materials, however, this program will allow for a wider range of material accessibility.
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University support the implementation of Barnes & Noble First Day Complete.

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