



Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage

Resolution #23-11: Supporting Textbook Cost Transparency (2023)

SPONSORED BY: Matthew Green, *Speaker of the Assembly & Senator*
Albiona Selimi, *Chief Activities Officer & Delegate of CAS*
Hannah Huber, *Government Relations Officer & Senator*

ENDORSED BY: Katie Scoggin, *President*
Shanone Tejada, *Vice President*

COMMITTEE: Legislative Affairs Committee

DATE: April 11, 2023

WHEREAS: The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) serves as an outlet to promote the interests of the student body and the community at large by advocating for governmental policy that supports the University of Alaska Anchorage; and,

WHEREAS: Cost is one of the largest determining factors that students are confronted with when considering seeking and continuing their postsecondary education; and,

WHEREAS: The cost of higher education oftentimes require planning and preparation, and ensuring transparency for textbook costs allows students to fully understand the cost when registering for classes; and,

WHEREAS: In Fall of 2023, the University of Alaska Anchorage launched a new feature to search for Zero Textbook Cost classes in the course catalog to provide transparency to the student body; and,

WHEREAS: In the 2021-2022 Academic Year, USUAA previously supported the zero cost textbook legislative work through [Resolution #22-08](#); and,

WHEREAS: SB 13 and HB 10 reinforces the policies being put into practice by university officials regarding zero cost textbooks.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage supports HB 10 & SB 13 because it provides transparency to the costs of textbooks for students and allows them to better plan for the costs of higher education and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage calls upon the members of the 33rd Alaska Legislature to pass HB 10 & SB 13 because students deserve the chance to better prepare for their upcoming classes; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage calls upon the Governor of Alaska to sign HB 10, SB 13, or any compromise bill to the same effect into law, if it passes in both Houses of the Legislature; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage will send a copy of this resolution to: Governor Mike Dunleavy, Speaker Cathy Tilton, Senate President Gary Stevens, Members of the Alaska House of Representatives, Members of the Alaska Senate, Members of the House Education Committee, Members of the House Finance Committee, Members of the Senate Education Committee and Members of the Senate Finance Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage will send a copy of this resolution to: The Board of Regents, President Pat Pitney, Vice President of University Relations Michelle Rizk, Vice President of Academics, Students, and Research Paul Layer, State Relations Director Chad Hutchison, Chancellor Sean Parnell, Provost Denise Runge, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Deanne Woodard, and Dean of Students Ben Morton.

PASSED BY A 11-0-0 VOTE OF THE USUAA ASSEMBLY



Katie Scoggan, *Student Body President*



Approved

Vetoed

Date: April 14, 2023