Resolution On Freedom to Choose Bookstore

Whereas, Cost of education has been increasing the last several years; and

Whereas, Cost of education includes state mandated fees, various campus based fees and costs of textbooks and supplies; and

Whereas, Cost of textbooks and supplies constitute a significant portion of student cost of education; and

Whereas, Competition induces lower prices and better service; and

Whereas, The opening of the off campus bookstore Books on the Run presents a possibility for competition and elimination of textbook monopoly; and

Whereas, The ability to provide California State University, Hayward (CSUH) students with a viable textbook alternative with lower prices is severely compromised by the inability to receive accurate textbook data in a timely manner; and

Whereas, Several Public institutions of higher education including University of California at Berkeley and the California State University at Sacramento have private bookstores that serve the students of these campuses facilitated by free access to enrollment and textbook data; therefore be it

Resolved, That each academic department develop a method to provide the off campus bookstore with data regarding textbooks at the same time the data is given to the Pioneer Bookstore; be it further

Resolved, That the administration cooperate fully with the provision of class registration data to Books On the Run; be it further

Resolved, That the administration refrain from interfering in the efforts of Books On The Run to serve CSUH students; be it further
Resolved, That the CSUH administration, CSUH Foundation, and Pioneer Bookstore is hereby notified by the Associated Students Board of Directors as the legal representatives of the students at CSUH to refrain from engaging in any activity designed to restrict competition, or restrict a student's freedom of choice or access to textbooks with lower prices; be it further

Resolved, That the Chair of Associated Students distribute this resolution to the Chairs of academic departments, key administrators, press, student organizations, monitor its implementation and inform the Board on any relevant developments.

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