



RESOLUTION

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION • FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Agenda Item: RESOLUTION 1811 IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE ACCESS AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Date: Monday, October 29th, 2018

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Committee: None

Sponsors: Senator Brandon Aquino, College of Arts, Sciences and Education; Senator Peter Hernandez, College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Senator Victoria Larsen, Housing

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF FIU:

Section I: Policy

The proposal outlined in this Council Resolution are in compliance with the authority granted in Article III, Section 5.A.1. of the Student Government Association Constitution;

Section II: Terms

The following terms are defined as to ensure the legality of this resolution:

- a. "SGA" will hereby refer to the Student Government Association at Florida International University,
- b. "The Senate" refers to the Senate of the Student Government Association at Florida International University,
- c. "Our University" refers to Florida International University,
- d. "SGA-MMC" refers to the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus,



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- e. “Inclusive Access” refers to a specific partnership between a student, their institution and a bookstore

Section III: Resolution

WHEREAS, Florida International University is an urban public research university that strives to serve its students and the diverse population of South Florida and is committed to collaborative engagement with our local and global communities,

WHEREAS, Florida International University strives to serve the greater community, with a primary emphasis on serving the greater Miami and South Florida area, in a manner which enhances the metropolitan area’s capability to meet the ecological, cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces,

WHEREAS, Florida International University strives for education of students, service to the community and greater international understanding to guide it’s growth to become one of the nation’s most unique and dynamic institutions of higher learning,

WHEREAS, the Office of Student Access & Success is dedicated to providing a high quality equitable education to all students; closing the achievement gaps and ensuring access and inclusive excellence,

WHEREAS, the Senate of Student Government (SGA), at FIU-MMC agrees in giving students the opportunity to receive inclusive access when it relates to digital textbooks and access codes at the beginning of each semester,

WHEREAS, research shows that students who have access to high-quality course materials on the first day of class perform 20% better than those who receive materials 2 weeks after the first day,



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WHEREAS, in October of 2015, the Department of Education established new rules via the Federal Register which provides students the ability to opt-out of course/class fees associated with books or supplies,

WHEREAS, an inclusive access option would allow students to access course materials the day that they are assigned, ensuring that students can access materials starting at the beginning from the semester,

WHEREAS, an inclusive access option saves over 50% on average when compared to traditional national print prices and an inclusive access option would save on average, \$13,513,800,

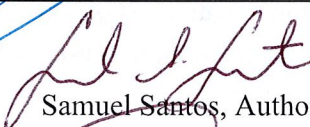

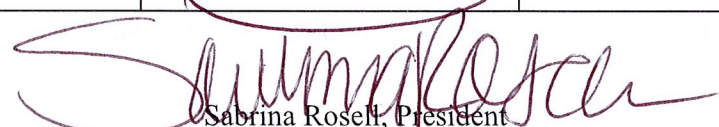
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of SGA-MMC agrees in the implementation of an opt-out model which gives students the freedom to opt-out of the standard method of acquiring books and supplies for online courses,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Senate of SGA-MMC agrees in the implementation of an inclusive access program at Florida International University,



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FIU-MMC STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL		
DATE <u>10/29/18</u>	IN FAVOR OF <u>28</u>	AGAINST <u>0</u>
AMENDMENTS:		
VOTE OUTCOME	<u>PASS</u>	FAIL
Antonia Passalacqua, Speaker of the Senate		
	 Samuel Santos, Author	 Victoria Larson, RLJC Chair
PRESIDENTIAL RULING	<u>ENACT</u>	VETO
 Sabrina Rosell, President		