|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1400 WASHINGTON AVENUE  ALBANY, NY 12222  CAMPUS CENTER 116 (CC116)  www.albany.edu/sasenate  [sasenate@albany.edu](mailto:sasenate@albany.edu) | sa_logo.png | SEN. RYAN WITTE  *CHAIR*  SEN. MATT KRUSH  *VICE CHAIR* |

*COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH* SEN. ROBERT FORMAN

*APPROPRIATIONS* SEN. ROGER ROOK

*GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS* SEN. CONNOR WILKINS

*RULES & ADMINISTRATION* SEN. DAN MARKISELLO

*CONSTITUENT RELATIONS* SEN. PAT CRONIN

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **S.1314-093R** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** February 26, 2014 |
| **SPONSORED BY:** Sen. Wilkins, Sen. Ripka | **COMMITTEE: N/A** |
| **SUBJECT: Course Fee Resolution** | **COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A** |
| **SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT: Pass** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following resolution be enacted:**

**WHEREAS** some courses require the usage of a paid external online service (WebAssign/Aplia/ Mastering Biology/etc.), and;

**WHEREAS** the usage of these services are required to attain the highest possible grade in these courses, and;

**WHEREAS** students must register for courses, and sometimes attend them before being informed of these requirements, and;

**WHEREAS** dropping the course once the syllabus is distributed limits the number of additional course options a student has to pick from, and;

**WHEREAS** many students would benefit from greater information transparency, the cost of implementing the necessary changes are marginal in comparison to the money that the student body as a whole pays each semester for these presently hidden fees, and ignorance of the situation only creates undue stress on attending students, and;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate, as a representative body of the students at this University, request that the administration and faculty work together to reach a solution to this problem. The University already compiles a list of courses that have additional fees ("course fees"). As such, the Student Association asks the University to incorporate a listing of additional, mandatory external fees for all courses that require them in order for students to be fully informed of the costs for a course prior to registration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** The Student Association also requests that the University also work with faculty to make preliminary versions of course syllabi publically available prior to the beginning of the advanced registration period. This would allow students to make an informed decision about the courses they wish to take, and would give them knowledge of external course fees prior the first day of classes.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following administrators of the University at Albany (SUNY): President Robert J. Jones, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan D. Phillips, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Jeanette Altarriba, and Vice President of Student Success Christine A. Bouchard.

|  |
| --- |
|  |
| Francis Agyemang, *President* |