



## MOTION

### Rensselaer Union 54th Student Senate

**Date:** October 16, 2023 | **Motion #1:** Supplemental Course Material Cost Reduction Resolution

“Supplemental course material costs” hereinafter refers to the student expenses required to succeed in a specific course that are not included in tuition or provided to students including but not limited to textbooks, account subscriptions, software, raw materials, and electronic components.

WHEREAS Students are required to purchase “access codes” for online homework and assessment administration,

WHEREAS Required online textbook access can expire, prohibiting students from referencing their previous textbooks,

WHEREAS Students who choose to buy or rent a physical copy of a textbook may not be able complete required assignments,

WHEREAS It has been reported that students are spending upwards of \$400 on supplemental materials for one single course, and

WHEREAS These supplemental costs can create a financial bias against economically disadvantaged students,

The Rensselaer Union 54th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To be the principal executor of its initiative to reduce supplemental course material costs for students under the direction of its Academic Affairs Committee, and
2. To extend its full support to administrative efforts aligning with this initiative.

SO MOVED BY

**Timothy Miles '24**

Interfraternity Council Senator

AND SECONDED BY

**Henry Hanson**

Class of 2026 Senator

VOTE

**12-00-00**

**PASSES** | FAILS

SIGNED BY

Ben Viner, 157th Grand Marshal