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Sense of the Senate: Faculty Course Materials Agreement

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

A Sense of the Student Senate Addressing the Need for Faculty Responsibility for the Availability and Selection of Appropriate and Affordable Course Materials

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- Whereas:** Students are required to obtain textbooks and, in some cases, other course materials for their classes; **AND**
- Whereas:** Students are presented with limited options for obtaining required course materials, including renting or purchasing from the campus bookstore, buying online, or acquiring through peer-to-peer exchange; **AND**
- Whereas:** The Faculty sometimes order Northeastern-specific editions of textbooks and textbooks that include packaged materials that can exacerbate costs for students or can be irrelevant to the associated course; **AND**
- Whereas:** Students have consistently expressed concerns regarding the high costs and limited accessibility of required course materials; **AND**
- Whereas:** The Student Government Association believes that Faculty should take any and all steps possible to alleviate the heavy financial burden placed on students by selecting only appropriate course materials and seeking out the most accessible and affordable options.
THEREFORE

IT IS THE SENSE OF THE STUDENT SENATE THAT:

The Faculty work with students and the Student Government Association in order find the most accessible and affordable options; **AND THAT**

The Faculty be provided with and asked to sign the attached Faculty Textbook Agreement. **AND THAT**

A database of faculty who sign this agreement is made available to the students.

Respectfully submitted to the Senate with the unanimous support of the Academic Affairs Committee,

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