

Board Resolution

No.

Introduced by Board Member Woolridge

March 6, 2009

Board Resolution: No _____ --> Textbook Fee Catastrophe

Whereas, the Los Medanos College Associated Students recognizes the problems that face the students that attend Los Medanos College and have drafted a resolution in attempts of providing relief, and ailing any additional burdens that have befallen students in lines of high textbook costs.

Whereas, the problems that face students is the high cost of buying textbooks for classes. Textbooks serves for students as a guiding source of information for assigned homework class work, and review source for test. Because of this, many students cannot buy some or all of their required reading material, in essence creating a percentage of failure during that academic cycle.

Whereas, the Los Medanos College Associated Students hold to the highest degree its position of being “the voice of the students” and standing as a government for the people, by the people and of the people. In standing true to this: the Los Medanos College Associated Students drafts this resolution as a beginning source of action to be taken in the best interest of our constituents.

Whereas, actions have been taken on the part of the Los Medanos College Associated Students in order to begin the process in the following manner:

- 1) Providing additional source of revenue for this current spring semester for the “Textbook on Reserve Program” to add to the current textbook that stands accessible to student use.
- 2) Providing an increase in its annual allocation that is provided to fund the “Textbook on Reserve Program”

As these are steps, they cannot be the only steps taken in the relief of students because these serves as a band effect solution—a short-term solution that really does not have a solution in itself. Our hope is that with the involvement of the college from its various areas that a solution can be created to raise the burden off the students.

Resolved, in the best interest of the students attending Los Medanos College, the Associated Students respectfully asks the assistance of the College’s Shared Governance Council (S.G.C.). We are asking SGC to take a stand on behalf of the college by charging its internal committee—Textbook with developing a fundamental rental program. This rental program would allow students who cannot buy some or their entire textbooks at the bookstore a program where they could pay supplements and still have access to the

required textbook for a period deemed appropriate by the Library or the Textbook committee.

Resolved, in addition, the Los Medanos College Associated Students also asks SGC to charge Texbook with investigating possibilities of the college sponsoring an online book exchange program in which students **informally, and at their own risk** exchange books with other students the books that they cannot sell back or find at the bookstore. The overall word stand as **accessibility**, and with the college promotion of a used book forum, it would allow for the accessibility of a program that would allow students to have access to required textbooks needed for academic learning.

In essence, the Los Medanos College Associated Students in no way gives up its pursuit for better possibilities regarding the burden befallen student relating to Textbook Cost, but seeks assistance from the College of making a purposeful long-term solution that stands different from the band-aid solutions offered. Along with asking assistance from the Shared Governance Council, LMCAS will actively remained involved in finding better remedies to this problem and providing assistance to Textbook committee programs should this committee be charged with finding other remedies to this problem.

Board Resolution No. ____ read and adopted in the Los Medanos College Associated Students meeting on _____.

Attest: _____

President Elaine Davis
Los Medanos College Associated Students