RESOLUTION 21/22/01

COMMEMNATION TO THE
OPEN/ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOK INITIATIVE
AND KSU FOUNDATION REGARDING ALL IN
FOR K-STATE 2021

BY: Andrew Booze, Creighton Glasscock, and Blake Phillips

WHEREAS, The Kansas State University Student Governing Association (KSU SGA) values the efforts of Faculty, Staff, and Administrators in reducing the costs of textbooks and class materials for students;

WHEREAS, KSU SGA has a history of endorsing and working with programs to do so, such as through supporting the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative;

WHEREAS, KSU SGA passed Resolution 19/20/63: Opposition to TopHat and other Costly Educational Platforms on February 6, 2020, in order to raise attention regarding the unpredictable costs of and student displeasure for classroom response and online textbook systems;

WHEREAS, On March 24, 2021, the KSU Foundation held the second All In for K-State event: a 24 hour period of philanthropic giving towards a single goal;

WHEREAS, The All In event was focused around raising funds for Textbooks 2.0, a rebranding of the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative;

WHEREAS, On the day of All In, the KSU Foundation raised more than $500,000, an increase of over $180,000 from their previous All In event and enough to save students at least $5 million yearly in textbook costs into the future; and

WHEREAS, The money raised will be distributed to professors to create open and alternative textbooks at a meeting of the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative Review Committee on April 29, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Kansas State University Student Governing Association (KSU SGA) commends the members of the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative, staff of the KSU Foundation, and donors to All In for supporting this initiative to reduce the costs of textbooks for students. KSU SGA thanks these groups for their support and hopes that it will continue into the future.

SECTION 2. Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to:

All members of the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative Review Committee, including:
Scholarly Communications and Copyright Librarian Emily Finch; Mathematics Department Head Dr. Andy Bennett; Food, Nutrition, Dietetics, and Health Associate Professor Dr. Brian Lindshield; Biology Senior Instructor Robbie Bear; Modern Languages Professor Dr. Laura Kanost; Agronomy Assistant Professor Dr. Colby Moorberg; Chemistry Teaching Professor Dr. Yasmin Patell; Student Access Center Assistant Director Ann Pearce; Academic Services Librarian Laura Bonella; Library Planning and Assessment Director Dr. Laurel Littrell; Digital Scholarship Librarian Ryan Otto; and KSU Information Technology Instructional Designer Shalin Hai-Jew.
All In for K-State 2020 Committee Members:
KSU Foundation Associate Vice President of Development Eric Holderness;
KSU Foundation Senior Director of Strategic Solicitations Sara Prince; K-State
Alumni Association Assistant Vice President, Development and Communications
Terin Walters; K-State Communications and Marketing Executive Director,
News and Communications Cindy Hollingsworth; KSU Foundation Board of
Trustees Member Sue Carlson; K-State Athletics Associate Athletics Director for
Development Rob Heil; Applied Human Sciences Associate Professor and
Faculty Senate President Dr. Mindy Markham; Industrial and Manufacturing
Systems Engineering Associate Professor Dr. Todd Easton; Grain Science and
Industry Assistant Graduate Program Coordinator Monica Macfarlane; English
Department Office Specialist and University Support Staff At Large
Representative Peggie Post; Department of Kinesiology Office Specialist and
University Support Staff Senate President Mary Oborny; KSU Multicultural
Programs and Services Director Mirta Chavez; Tel Wittmer; and Lane Lundeen.

President and CEO of the KSU Foundation Greg Willems, University Provost Charles
Taber, and University President Richard B. Myers.

RESOLUTION 21/22/01 WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY ON APRIL 8TH, 2021.

I certify this resolution is true and correct

I hereby approve this resolution.

Blake Phillips, Speaker of the Student Senate  Date

Michael Dowd, Student Body President  Date