

## Resolution SS0910-8

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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
AJ MCGAULEY**A RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE EXPANSION OF THE RENT-A-TEXT PROGRAM**

Whereas, Rent-A-Text has seen considerable success in its inaugural semester due to its financial flexibility and ease of use;

Whereas, Renting texts often reduces the financial burden on students;

Whereas, The reuse of texts reduces the carbon footprint of the University of Notre Dame;

Whereas, Students have expressed a desire for a larger selection of offered titles available through the Rent-A-Text program;

Whereas, 48% of 287 students surveyed indicated they would rent more texts if more titles were available;

Whereas, Texts are only available under the Rent-A-Text program if the text is listed on Follet's national or local lists;

Whereas, Texts are added to the local list by individual professors committing to four terms of use;

Whereas, It is dependent upon the faculty to communicate with the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore to add a text to Rent-A-Text's local list;

Whereas, The Student Senate acknowledges that the academic integrity of a professor's curricula is paramount, and

Whereas, That the Rent-A-Text program may not be appropriate for all courses; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Student Senate commends the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and ~~their~~<sup>its</sup> work in setting the foundation for this program;

*Resolved*, That it is to the benefit of students that their texts are available through the Rent-A-Text program;

*Resolved*, That it is to the benefit of the University of Notre Dame that more texts are available through the Rent-A-Text program;

→ *Resolved*, That the Student Senate encourages that, when feasible, professors submit their textbooks to the local Rent-A-Text list; and

*Resolved*, That the Student Senate encourages that professors consider the Rent-A-Text program and the texts currently included in the national and local lists when selecting future course material.