

Resolution 17-04:

A Resolution to recommend 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of State of Ohio to amend House Bill 49 -  
Section 381.150

1 **WHEREAS**, House Bill 49 serves as the executive budget for the State of Ohio for financial year  
2 2018-19; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the proposed budget bill increases the total state share of instruction (SSI) by 1% per  
4 year; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Section 381.150 of H.B. 49 relates to a portion of the higher education budget; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Section 381.150 (A) prohibits state institutions of higher education from increasing  
7 in-state undergraduate instructional, general, and all other fees; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Section 381.150 (B) of H.B. 49 mandates the boards of trustees of state institutions  
9 of higher education to provide students with any and all instructional tools as defined  
10 in section 381.150 (D). For this purpose, the H.B 49 creates a provision for  
11 universities to charge students up to \$300 annually (full-time) and pro-rate part-time  
12 student; and

13 **WHEREAS**, H.B. 49 requires that all textbook costs exceeding the maximum student textbook fee  
14 as set forth under sec. 381.150 shall come out of the university's operational budget;  
15 and therefore be it,

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Government Association here assembled at Wright State University  
17 makes the following recommendations:

18 **A. We recommend the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Ohio remove section**  
19 **381.150 (B) and (D) of H.B. 49 for the following reasons:**

- 20 1. The total cost of the course material varies by number of enrolled credit hours, and  
21 the student's field of study. Therefore, applying a general fee of \$300/year to all full-  
22 time students may increase the financial burden for students who comparatively  
23 would spend less.
- 24 2. Transferring the responsibility to provide textbooks for students to the university  
25 limits the student's ability to explore free market choices such as buying, renting, and  
26 sharing.
- 27 3. Adding the financial burden to the operational budget of the university without a  
28 significant increase in State Share of Instruction will adversely impact the out of  
29 classroom experience for students as the university will be forced to reallocate the  
30 budget to accommodate the new mandate.

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33 **B. Wright State University Student Senate adjures the President of the Wright State**  
34 **University Student Government to work with Faculty Senate to create a University**

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Textbook Committee with a mission to reduce the growing cost of course materials.  
C. Wright State University Student Government Association urges the Wright State  
University faculty to consider less-expensive course materials without compromising  
the quality of instruction.

Sponsored by Lakshmi Nathan Balasubramanian  
Co-Sponsored by Matthew Almazan

Motioned: Dexter Nye Second: Matthew Almazan  
Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

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Lukas Wenrick, President