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WHEREAS textbook and online access codes costs continue to rise¹ and place a financial burden on students;

WHEREAS the benefit of some of these resources such as online quiz content purchased through access codes can be seen as marginal or unnecessary;

WHEREAS the standard textbook in a course can change year by year greatly complicating resale abilities for students in later years;

WHEREAS the Mount Allison Library and Professors themselves have textbooks on-hand as well as have the ability to purchase textbooks and place them on course reserve;

WHEREAS the Mount Allison Library pays substantial amounts for access to a large array of online databases that can all be used as substitutes for textbooks;

BE IT RESOLVED that Open Education Resources be advocated for by the MASU to eliminate financial barriers currently in place for students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MASU encourages Professors to thoroughly evaluate the necessity of paid online programs and their utility to student learning;

¹ Jhangiani, Rajiv. "To Combat Soaring Textbook Costs, Look to an Open-Source Approach." The Globe and Mail, January 3, 2018. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/to-combat-soaring-textbook-costs-look-to-an-open-source-approach/article37477566/>.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MASU recommends that textbooks for courses not be changed frequently to facilitate resale and the options available to students for purchase;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MASU advocates for the purchase of more textbooks and their placement on course reserve within the Mount Allison Library for the use of students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MASU wishes to see communication of required textbooks between the professors, Mount Allison Bookstore, and the Mount Allison Library to ensure textbooks can be placed on course reserve;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MASU urges that the Online Databases that student's have access to be more widely used in the administration of teaching as a replacement for textbooks.