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EBOOK AND ONLINE TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP ACT

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Section 1. Findings

1. Many students have faced increased fees due to the required purchase of
   online academic materials, such as Redshelf, Cengage and Connect.
2. Students’ tuition and physical academic materials may be covered by a
   University of Alabama scholarship. However, none of these scholarships can
   be applied to any online form of textbooks, such as the aforementioned
   platforms.
3. If a student does not purchase physical copies of textbooks, scholarship
   funds that cover books will go unused and will not be refunded at the end of
   their academic career at The University.
4. As a body that exists under a motto of “Students Serving Students,” the UA SGA Senate is designed to represent the student body through committees focusing on specific initiatives that affect students, among these being Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, and Academic Affairs.

Section 2. Legislation

1. *Therefore be it resolved*, these concerns are communicated with the Office of Admissions and the Office of Academic Affairs.

2. *Be it further resolved*, a mechanism is developed by these offices to apply existing textbook and academic scholarship funds to one or more online (virtual) textbook providers.

3. *Be it further resolved*, that copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Kathleen Cramer, Vice-President for Student Life; Savannah Bullard, Editor-In-Chief of *The Crimson White*; Harrison Adams, President of Student Government Association; Dr. Kevin Whitacker, Academic Affairs Provost; DJ Jackson, Office of Admission Scholarship; Kenneth Foshee, University Registrar, Luoheng Han, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs.