

**UMBC SGA Senate Legislation**  
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**Resolution to Endorse the Course Materials Initiative**

**Whereas**, the UMBC Bookstore has negotiated lower prices with textbook publishers for courses selected for the delivery of course materials via a common digital platform under the Course Materials Initiative,

**And whereas**, affected course materials will be available to students electronically with options for printing,

**And whereas**, many affected courses require ancillary access codes, which limit the ability of students to find better prices in the second-hand market,

**And whereas**, students enrolled in classes selected for the Course Materials Initiative will automatically be billed for the applicable course materials,

**And whereas**, students can apply scholarships and loans to pay for the applicable course materials,

**And whereas**, federal law requires that students have the ability to opt out of programs like the Course Materials Initiative,

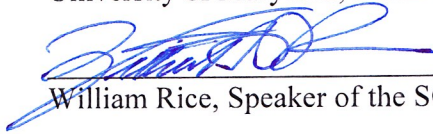
**And whereas**, any student may opt out of the Course Materials Initiative by filling out a form at the Bookstore,

**And whereas**, students expressed broad support for the Course Materials Initiative in a survey conducted by the Bookstore,

**Let it be resolved**, that we, the 2015-2016 ~~SGA~~ <sup>SGA SENATE</sup> Senate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, on behalf of the student body, endorse the Course Materials Initiative as one tool to lower the high cost of course materials for students.

Number of Senators For: 9  
Number of Senators Opposed: 0  
Number of Senators Abstaining: -  
Number of Senators Not Present: 1  
Date of Passage/Failure in the SGA Senate: 5/2/16

The above piece of legislation has been presented to the Student Government Association Senate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and has received the votes indicated above.

  
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William Rice, Speaker of the SGA Senate

Date: 5/2/16