



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
SENATE RESOLUTION 25- 01

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SIU Follett Access Fee

WHEREAS, Follett has worked with Southern Illinois University for multiple years to provide the necessary learning materials to Salukis in a timely manner at an affordable price as the University's bookstore provider,

WHEREAS, Follett has provided a comprehensive outline for their Follett Access program and a plan to implement it at Southern Illinois University to enhance the learning experience of both undergraduate and graduate students should the necessary fee pass the SIU System Board of Trustees,

WHEREAS, Follett has presented data proving the benefits of the program for University retention, effective student spending, and increased quality academic output by students from over 1,000 other schools using the Follett Access Program,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) officially proclaims its unwavering support for the proposal to implement an opt-out, per-credit-hour fee for services rendered on behalf of SIU students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USG endorses the proposed opt-out fee implementation, amounting to \$25.50 per credit hour, to be allocated to the establishment of the Follett Access Program. This fee is intended to make college learning materials more affordable for students, make college learning materials more accessible to students, and act as a retention strategy by ensuring students have their learning materials on the first day of the semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USG commits to presenting this resolution and proposal to Chancellor Austin Lane, urging the initiation of the necessary processes to introduce and implement the proposed fee for the FY26 fiscal year.

Adopted by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government on the 12th day

of November 2024.

We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this bill by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Bordewick".

Penny Bordewick, President, Undergraduate Student Government