A Resolution
To voice University of Iowa Student Government’s support for course material being tax exempt at University of Iowa operated bookstores

Section 1. Short Title
This act may be cited as “Course Material Tax Exemption Resolution”

Whereas, currently, University of Iowa students pay the Iowa sales tax rate of 6.0% on all course material purchases made at University of Iowa operated bookstores; and

Whereas, the National Association of College Stores states the average college student spends $655 on textbooks every year leading to an avoidable cost of $39.30 in sales tax; and

Whereas, finding ways to alleviate the ever-increasing cost of higher education is critical for increased access, quality, and outcomes; and

Whereas, campus stores were the market leaders in course material purchases during the 2015-16 academic year, so alleviating cost in these locations will benefit the majority of our student population; and

Whereas, implementing this tax exemption will further demonstrate The University of Iowa’s commitment to its students and their success at Iowa. Now, therefore be it

Resolved,

1. UISG supports the Vice President for Student Life, Tom Rocklin, and his staff in their pursuit to place a tax exemption on course materials purchased from University of Iowa operated bookstores; and

2. Upon passage, this resolution will be sent to President Harreld and The Division of Student Life.

_______________________________, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou
I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2016-2017 Student Senate Session.

_______________________________, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on ____________, 2016

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Rachel Zuckerman