

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED ACT TO:

UPDATE TO: PROVIDE FREE MENSTRUAL MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER (UC), BROWN HALL, HUNTER LIBRARY, AND COURTYARD ON WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS

Short Title: Update to: Menstrual Management Product Accessibility at WCU

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Resolution Number: F22-05

First Reading: 10/24/2022 **Second Reading:** 10/31/2022

Referred to: DEI Committee

2 **WHEREAS,** The Bird building (Health Services) and the two P.O.D markets at Brown and
3 Courtyard are the only locations on the campus of Western Carolina University where you may
4 buy pads and/or tampons. As a result, getting these supplies is challenging because they aren't
5 widely available; and,

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7 **WHEREAS,** the pricing for these products in P.O.D. markets are extremely expensive for the
8 average buyer—college students. The pricing for a box of 18 tampons is 8.09 (tax not included)
9 and for a box of 10 pads is \$3.99 (tax not included); and,

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11 **WHEREAS,** According to WCUs' demographics as of Fall 2021, out of about 11,877 Graduate
12 and Undergraduate students, 58% of those students are female, and 42% of those students are
13 male. This means over 50% of our campus menstruates—not to mention our transgender and
14 gender non-binary communities; and,

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16 **WHEREAS,** Menstrual management products should not be considered a luxury or self-care
17 product, but a necessity as our menstruating students cannot control this normal biological
18 process; and,

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20 **WHEREAS,** Menstrual management products will be provided by Aunt Flow, which costs an
21 estimated \$1,250 to stock five bathrooms for one year; and,

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23 **WHEREAS,** The estimated \$1,250 needed to pay for stocking menstrual management products
24 in five bathrooms for one year through Aunt Flow will be provided by the Student Government
25 Association budget; and,

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27 **WHEREAS,** The first round of products purchased from Aunt Flow will be a trial run, in which
28 five bathrooms will be stocked with menstrual management products and the Diversity, Equity,



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29 and Inclusion (DEI) Committee will keep track of the usage of the products in each bathroom;
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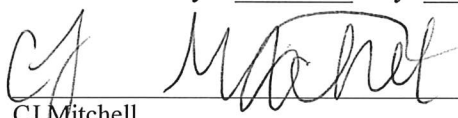
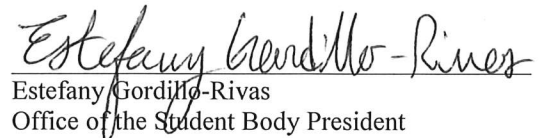
32 **WHEREAS,** The information collected from the trial run will be used to construct a more
33 accurate estimate of the type and amount of products needed in each specific bathroom; and,
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35 **Therefore, Be It Resolved That:** Western Carolina University provide free menstrual
36 management products in the University Center (UC), Brown Hall, Hunter Library, and Courtyard.
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38 **Be It Further Resolved:** The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee should restock
39 the Aunt Flow machines with menstrual management products in the University Center (UC),
40 Brown Hall, Hunter Library, and Courtyard restrooms once a month.
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42 **Be It Further Resolved:** The restrooms in the University Center (UC), Brown Hall, Hunter
43 Library, and Courtyard provide high-quality menstrual management products, defined as pads
44 with wings and tampons with plastic applicators.
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46 **Be It Further Resolved:** Bird Building (Health Services) look into furthering the student body's
47 knowledge of accessible products to students in need.
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Senate Vote: Aye: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay: _____ Abstain: _____	
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