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73rd Session

The Period Project Resolution

“A resolution to support The Period Project, a Student Senate initiative working towards a pilot program for free menstrual products to assess the student need of these products on the Texas A&M campus.”

Action Taken: Passed

Certified By:

Secretary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 5-20-20

Introduced By: Erica Pauls, Sub-Committee Chair, The Period Project
Fawaz Syed, Student Services Chair, Engineering Caucus

Sponsored By: Sam Jefferis, Academic Affairs Chair, Engineering Caucus
Iman Ahmed, Diversity & Inclusion Chair, Off-Campus Caucus
Julia Garcia, Health Science Center Caucus
Jocelyn Marrufo, Liberal Arts Caucus
Hannah Spurr, Speaker Pro Tempore, Off Campus Caucus
Megha Viswanath, Off-Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): Previous Student Services Chair Chimata of the 71st Session did an immense amount of work with administration and staff to establish a pilot program providing free menstrual hygiene products in several restrooms across campus; and,
Whereas(2): During the 72nd Session, the Student Services Committee was unable to bring the project to fruition in the Fall of 2019; and,

Whereas(3): The initiative is being reignited as The Period Project, led by Erica Pauls and a committee that is focusing on data collection by gaining student feedback and marketing to spread awareness of the project across the campus; and,

Whereas(4): The Period Project put out a survey that garnered a total of over 2,000 responses, demonstrating an overwhelming support by students and faculty alike for the need for free menstrual products on the Texas A&M University campus; and,

Whereas(5): The leadership of The Period Project has secured a micro-grant of $3,500, which is a finite resource projected to last six months, through The Aggie Green Fund, a grant-making organization for sustainability projects at Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas(6): The products will be purchased from Aunt Flow, a company that provides biodegradable, sustainable, and 100% organic cotton products that are well-established in numerous universities across the country, and;

Whereas(7): SSC Services has committed to assisting in purchasing, installment, and replenishment; and,

Whereas(8): The Period Project has gained approval for installation from several building proctors; and,

Whereas(9): All students should be able to participate equally in their academics, campus life, and civic life; and,

Therefore Let it be Resolved(1): The Texas A&M Student Senate supports the creation and development of The Period Project sub-committee that will be housed under the Student Services committee; and,
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Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate supports the collection of usage data to promote the continuation of the initiative through permanent funding by the Texas A&M administration; and,

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Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate appreciates the support from Aggie Green Fund, SSC Services, the various building proctors, and the Vice President of Facilities and Operations to bring The Period Project into fruition; and,

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Resolved(4): A copy of this bill be sent to:
  President Michael K. Young
  Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Sr, Vice President of Student Affairs
  Dr. Robin Means Coleman, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity
  Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life
  Jane Schneider, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Operations
  Richard Gentry, Regional Vice President, SSC Services
  Ted Dawson, Regional Director of Operations, SSC Services
  Paul Tisch, Regional Director of Operations, Maintenance
  Allison Guggenheimer, Chair, Aggie Green Fund
  The Battalion