



U.A. Resolution #4 REVISED

Textbook Price Working Group Recommendation

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- 1 **Sponsored by:** Gabriel Kaufman, Undergraduate; UA Member; Chair, Textbook Price
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- 4 **Whereas,** Article 3 Section 1 of the University Assembly Charter states, “The [University]
5 Assembly may examine, on its own initiative, matters which involve the interests or concern the
6 welfare of a substantial segment of the campus community and may make recommendations or
7 resolutions thereon to the president or to other appropriate officers or decision-making bodies of
8 the University;” and
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- 10 **Whereas,** the successful operation of The Cornell Store benefits the welfare of the campus
11 community; and
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- 13 **Whereas,** the Assembly has traditionally made recommendations concerning the operations of
14 The Cornell Store to the President and other appropriate officers to best serve student, faculty
15 and the Cornell community; and
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- 17 **Whereas,** the purpose of Cornell University is to promote education and research; and
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- 19 **Whereas,** great accessibility and affordability of textbooks and other academic materials in The
20 Cornell Store contributes to that purpose; and
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- 22 **Whereas,** currently, all academic materials, as defined by the Cornell Store, sold at The Cornell
23 Store generate revenue for the university; therefore
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- 25 **Be it Resolved,** that Cornell University reduce The Cornell Store’s overhead payment to support
26 a revision of the revenue generating financial model; and
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- 28 **Resolved,** that The Cornell Store offer distribution of academic materials using a cost recovery
29 model thus eliminating the current revenue generating financial model; and
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- 31 **Be it finally resolved,** that the current revenue-generating model for non-academic materials be
32 maintained.