



# Student Congress

## Student Association at Binghamton University

### F2015-03/R Support for Course Reserves

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Whereas, the Course Reserves, both physical and electronic copies, is a great resource for Binghamton Students;

Whereas, this part of the library needs the most improvements since they do not receive funding to increase their collection

Whereas, there is a high demand for many textbooks and other texts for classes

Whereas, the need would be one book for every twenty five students

Whereas, this service is vitally important to help students who cannot afford the textbooks

Whereas, this service provides accessibility and convenience

Whereas, these books would be on a short term loan to students

Whereas, with increased usage of electronic reserves students would have access at their computer providing access to many more students especially those with learning/reading disabilities

Whereas, if professors use this service they must notify students in their syllabus

Whereas, the library will convert these texts for electronic reserves for professors

Whereas studies have been done that demonstrate having textbooks on reserves and using electronic reserves improves students grades

Therefore be it resolved that the university and its departments should help to increase the amount of textbooks and other course materials in the library. Professors should contact these publishers as well as other administration to ensure that these books are available for students. Similarly, electronic reserves should be used more often especially when such a small amount of the book is going to be used.

### **Impact statement:**

The purpose of this legislation is to promote further collaboration between the Student Association and the library staff with the specific purpose of expanding the course reserves both in the library and online. This is an ongoing project and this explanation should begin immediately with the goal of continual expansion.