

Faculty Senate Routing Form
(action/proposal attached)

Item Title: **Resolution to provide Free Menstrual Products Access at WCU**

a) Brief Description: _____

b) Initiated by: _____

II. Faculty Senate Action: approved not approved other date: _____

Comments: _____

Vote: Voice Vote, Unanimous Voice Vote, Majority In Favor
 Vote by Ballot: 22 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

FS Secretary signature:  date 5-8-2020

III. Provost: for information Recognition of Receipt
 for action..... approved not approved

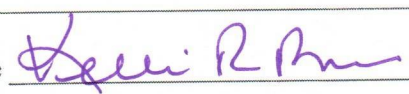
Comments: _____

Person responsible for Implementation: 

Provost signature:  date 13 Aug 20

IV. Chancellor: for information Recognition of Receipt
 for action..... approved not approved

Comments: _____

Chancellor signature  date 5/14/20

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Provost
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Associate Dean of Graduate School (for catalog)
Others (i.e. person responsible for implementation)

Resolution that Western Carolina University provide free menstrual management products in the University Center (UC), Brown Hall, and the Courtyard.

Whereas, the Student Government Association's S-19-24 resolved that Western Carolina University provide free menstrual management products in the University Center (UC), Brown Hall, and the Courtyard; in response to increasing enrollment, lack of availability, and undue cost of MMPs on campus.

Whereas, with the consultation of PERIOD@WCU over the summer and into the fall of 2019, the UC created a pilot program to distribute free MMPs through ADA complaint dispensers in both gendered restrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the UC.

Whereas, the program was scheduled to run in the 2020 Spring semester but was delayed as dispensers were installed, but the survey inaccessible, thereby making the official data collection start date March 4th, 2020.

Whereas, on March 11th, the university's official spring break was extended to March 23rd, on which classes were transferred online, and campus operations were limited to essential services only, in an appropriate response to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Whereas, it is apparent that the university population will not return this semester, making accurate data collection on the benefits of the program impossible.

Whereas, PERIOD under Emalee Money and Harli Whitney approached Faculty Senate, among others, to support a letter of request on extending the program.

Whereas, it is the wish of PERIOD, the Student Government Association, Faculty Senate, and Staff Senate that the UC MMP pilot program be given a full chance to run and allow for meaningful data collection.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That: The University Center comply with prior permission to run a pilot program during the Spring 2020 semester.

Be It Further Resolved: The program be extended past the original plan dates in compliance to the aforementioned permission.

Be It Further Resolved: The program officially begin when the university returns to normal, pre-pandemic, operations, be it in the Fall of 2020 or later.

Be It Further Resolved: The program be allowed to run for a minimum of 7 weeks to a maximum of 15 weeks, half, and a full semester respectively; the extension of a minimum of 7 weeks was the original time allotted in the Spring 2020 plan.

Be It Further Resolved: That data analysis only be reviewed after the extension is complete to ensure the collection of data is representative of the WCU community.