



Resolution 2019-2020-11: Creation of a system to charge textbook purchases directly to student accounts

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Georgetown Law students are assigned a significant amount of work due on the first day of every semester.

WHEREAS, students must purchase their textbooks in order to work on their beginning of the semester assignments.

WHEREAS, the majority of students cannot afford to purchase textbooks without receiving loan money disbursed into their private bank accounts.

WHEREAS, the process of loan refund disbursement can be unpredictable, time-consuming, and sometimes not be completed until the beginning of classes.

WHEREAS, students who have not received their disbursement may be unable to afford their textbooks.

WHEREAS, students who do not receive their textbooks by the beginning of class may be at a disadvantage compared to other students.

WHEREAS, this is especially a problem for students from lower-income backgrounds, who may not have enough money in their private accounts to pay for textbooks.

WHEREAS, the Georgetown University Law Center Bookstore is already set up to accept payment using student Go-Cards.

WHEREAS, many schools and universities allow students to charge purchases on their Go-Cards (or similar devices) directly to their student account and then pay them off at a later date.

WHEREAS, unlike many other schools, Georgetown University Law Center does not currently allow students to charge Go-Card purchases to their student account.

WHEREAS, if such a system was created, students would be able to pay for their textbooks using a Go-Card and the sum would be charged to their student account, to be paid when the loan money is disbursed.

WHEREAS, such a system would help to decrease the 'preparation gap' between students who can afford to buy their books and those who must take out loans.

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WHEREAS, it is the role of the Student Bar Association to express the will and voice of Georgetown Law Students at large, as well as to advocate for equal opportunities for all students.

THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that Georgetown Law students, by and through the Student Bar Association, support the creation of a system to allow students to purchase Go-Card dollars and charge the sum directly to their student accounts, in order to facilitate the purchase of textbooks and other class preparation materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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