West Virginia University

The Student Assembly - Student Government Association

Assembly Resolution: AR-2024-04-01

**AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE WVU MENSTRUAL EQUITY TASKFORCE**

| **Short Title:**  | **Establishment of ME Taskforce** |
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| **Presidential Signature:** |  |

**Whereas,** 1 in 4 women in the United States have reported missing class due to lack of access to period products, and in West Virginia, 2 in 9 women ages 12 to 44 live below the federal poverty line[[1]](#footnote-0); and,

**Whereas,** “Maintain and Enhance Community Services” is listed as a major goal in Morgantown’s 2033 comprehensive plan[[2]](#footnote-1); and,

**Whereas,** WVU’s mission statement includes, “the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all,”[[3]](#footnote-2) and,

**Whereas,** WVU SGA’s mission statement includes, “help ensure that the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students within our University are protected,”[[4]](#footnote-3) and,

**Whereas,** the Santmyer-Dozier Administration’s platform included wanting to broaden knowledge and accessibility for health-related resources on campus[[5]](#footnote-4); and

**Whereas,** the 2023 Period of Giving Menstrual product Drive raised over eight-hundred dollars in period products for WVU Students and Homeless Shelters across North-Central West Virginia.[[6]](#footnote-5)

***Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** SGA endorses the establishment of a WVU Menstrual Equity Taskforce; and,

**Section 2:** The WVU Menstrual Equity Task Force may be abbreviated as the ME Taskforce; and,

**Section 3:** The ME Taskforce’s mission will be to advance the principles of menstrual equity on campus by making period products more readily accessible on campus, fighting the stigma regarding menstruation on campus, and promoting widespread menstrual health and general wellbeing on campus; and,

**Section 4:** The ME Taskforce will initially consist of less than 10 members consisting of SGA assembly members, executives, and/or apprentices; student leaders from SEL recognized student organizations; and student workers from WVU offices relevant to the taskforce’s mission; and,

**Section 5:** The members of the ME Taskforce will be decided at the end of the spring semester by the current task force out of interested individuals. Once decided, the taskforce will elect a chair amongst themselves to schedule internal meetings; and,

**Section 6:** The ME Taskforce will be tasked with organizing the Period of Giving menstrual product drive throughout November and December, as well as reporting the proceeds of the Period of Giving to the SGA Assembly before February 1st following the product drive; and,

**Section 7:** The ME Taskforce will be tasked with managing and expanding the Period Product Distribution Initiative comprised of installing Period Product dispensers within high-traffic areas of campus; and,

**Section 8:** The ME Taskforce or the SGA Assembly may add additional responsibilities to the ME Taskforce as seen fit; and,

**Section 9:** Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

**Mandates:**

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Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)

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1. <https://allianceforperiodsupplies.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/West-Virginia.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
2. <https://www.morgantownwv.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5492/Morgantown-2033-Comprehensive-Plan-FINAL> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
3. <https://www.wvu.edu/about-wvu/mission> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
4. <https://sga.wvu.edu/about/our-mission> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
5. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12LWFOGN3k-3BGTygejccz-Fhaykp46LF/view> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
6. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18CJyvEF5Qazd35TbXOgZpIWoMZcsEDrGKBxg2qlY_Wk/edit?usp=sharing> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)