SGA AT-A-GLANCE:

- **Executive Branch**, comprised of the President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, CFO, Attorney General and other executive officers.
- 27 Senators and Representatives serving in our newly-structured Student Assembly (formerly known as the Student Board of Governors).
- **Mission and Vision** - Students First.
17 FOR ’17:
A LOOK BACK AT A TRANSFORMATIVE YEAR
FOR SGA AND THE STUDENT BODY.
17 FOR '17:

1. WVU SGA helped to create the new student "Believes" on campus.

2. WVU SGA is helping to find student solutions to address the opioid crisis.

3. Our student body showed solidarity in light of the evil in Charlottesville.

4. WVU SGA secured lower concession prices for students at football games.

5. We had our meetings all across campus, held inside staff offices, and created a new Student Assistance Task Force.

6. WVU SGA helped with the sunset of the Arts Center, a community center, and a new Student Center.

7. WVU SGA led the way to building a stronger, better Big XII Conference.

8. WVU SGA is helping to reform our organization to better serve you.

9. WVU SGA won the competition for a campus computer game about outlook, Title XII, and sexual assault.

10. WVU SGA defeated WVU with WVU-111, for a campus computer game.

11. WVU SGA announced the new student center, the "Student Center for the Arts and Humanities.

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-Student Government

Thank you.
Student Government:

2017 was a year of great accomplishments, wins and victories for the student body. But, we are only getting started.
2018
A YEAR OF COURAGE
Open Textbooks at WVU

Since 2015, WVU Student Government has worked in partnership with WVU Libraries to help advance open textbooks/open educational resources to **save students money**.

Learn more: [https://lib.wvu.edu/about/open-textbook](https://lib.wvu.edu/about/open-textbook)
TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY

- Since 2015, the Student Government Association has been working with WVU Libraries on advancing open textbooks, educational resources and access at WVU.
  - WVU has joined the Open Textbook Network at the University of Minnesota.
  - WVU Libraries hosted an open textbook workshop for faculty and staff.
  - WVU Libraries has formed an Open Education Committee to further advance OER.
- We are making steady progress in reducing the cost of materials for students on our campus, but there is still more that can be done.
In Focus: OpenStax
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OpenStax provides peer-reviewed content, which students can either access online (for free), or for a nominal fee through print on-demand services.

Visit: [www.openstax.org](http://www.openstax.org) to learn more.
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN TEXTBOOKS

ASSEMBLY BILL 2017-02-17: Supporting the Use of Open Textbooks at West Virginia University

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN TEXTBOOKS AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the price of textbooks rose eighty-eight percent in the past decade, according to the Consumer Price Index; and;
WHEREAS, the cost of college textbooks is often a major affordability issue for students, who take on additional loan debt to pay for textbooks, or underestimtate their own learning by forgoing the purchase of textbooks; and;
WHEREAS, textbook publishers have not responded adequately to the concerns of students, faculty, and other stakeholders about textbook pricing; and;
WHEREAS, faculty, students, and administration all share a concern about textbook affordability and its impact on student success; and;
WHEREAS, an "open textbook" is defined as a textbook written by education professionals and released online under an open license permitting everyone to freely use, print, share, and adapt the material; and;
WHEREAS, open textbooks offer an affordable, comparable, and flexible alternative to expensive commercial textbooks; and;
WHEREAS, it is the prerogative of faculty members to select the course materials that are most appropriate for a class; and;
WHEREAS, it is appropriate for faculty members to seek and consider using open educational resources (OER), including open textbooks, in their courses as long as there is no reduction in educational quality; and;
WHEREAS, studies have shown that students using OER perform as well, if not better, in their classes compared to students using traditional textbooks; and;
WHEREAS, universities that have created programs to increase their use of OER are already saving their students millions of dollars in textbook costs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,
The West Virginia University Student Assembly and Student Government Association supports the use of open textbooks at West Virginia University; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,
The Student Government Association encourages faculty members to consider open textbooks and other low-cost course materials when selecting textbooks for their classes; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,
The Student Government Association encourages West Virginia University to offer support to faculty members who consider and adopt open textbooks, when academically appropriate; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,
The Student Government Association urges West Virginia University to expand its OER program to increase the use of open textbooks on our campus; and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT,
The Student Government Association will work in partnership with members of the West Virginia legislature and representatives in Congress to support open textbooks as a solution to high textbook costs.
By working together, we can continue to find innovative ways to advance open textbooks.
Thank you.

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