Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Student Senate

The Student Senate
28th Session
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Introduced By: Britney Matheson, College of Business Senator,
Sponsored By: Jordan Nellums, Freshman Senator
Sponsored By: Islancer Feminists and the Student Government Association Diversity Committee

Action Taken: Passed
Certified By: 
Sarina Garcia
Speaker of the Student Senate

Further Approved By: 
Connar Allen
Student Body President

Free Period Products Resolution
"A resolution advocating for period products at no cost to students while creating awareness and education"

WHEREAS(1):
The Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Student Government Association serves as the official voice for over twelve thousand students; and

WHEREAS(2):
Feminine products, which for the purposes of this proposal refers to tampons and pads, are essential for the management of menstruation, not a luxury, and key to female student success while menstruation is occurring; and

WHEREAS(3):
Menstruation is an element of the female reproductive system and an inevitable event that occurs approximately monthly for female students at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi; and
WHEREAS(4):

At least 47.2% of Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi students\(^1\) use feminine hygiene products including: menstruating woman, some transgender men, intersex people, and non-binary people may menstruate and need feminine hygiene products. These students use the women's, men's, and all gender restrooms; and

WHEREAS(5):

On-campus resources for purchasing feminine products are priced above market value at approximately $0.40 per item\(^2\) compared to the local drugstore cost of approximately $0.097 per item\(^3\), and

WHEREAS(6):

On average females in Texas spend approximately $32.67 per month\(^4\) on menstrual products, and

WHEREAS(7):

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, an institution that strives for inclusivity, in implementing this program, can set an example, similar to those at Texas A&M University Kingsville, University of Texas – Dallas, University of Texas at Austin, and others, by moving forward to support a more inclusive environment, and

WHEREAS(5):

To put this cost in perspective, if each female student at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi was to be provided with menstrual products, it would cost approximately $20,000 per year,

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\(^1\) Via Registrar’s office  
\(^2\) Price of tampons at bookstore  
\(^3\) Price of tampons at Target  
\(^4\) Texas avg. spending on period products
Therefore
Let it be
Resolved (1):

In order to best support student success, the Student Government Association, as the official voice of students, recommends that Texas A&M – Corpus Christi provides feminine hygiene products in some female restrooms and all gender-neutral restrooms in facilities campus-wide, and

Therefore
Let it be Further
Resolved (2):

The Student Government Association recommends that Texas A&M – Corpus Christi provide a suitable quantity of feminine hygiene products to sufficiently support the need of students using restrooms in facilities campus wide, and

Therefore
Let it be Further
Resolved (3):

The Student Government Association recommends that Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi provide feminine hygiene products free of cost to students in facilities campus-wide, and

Therefore
Let it be Further
Resolved (4):

That this resolution be sent to Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, President and CEO of Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Dr. Clarenada Phillips, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Don D. Albrecht, Vice President for Student Engagement and Success and Dr. John Dawson, Associate Vice President for Operations.