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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SGB is excited to announce that the resolution calling upon the University to implement open educational resources was officially passed at last night's meeting. Open educational resources can be defined as syllabi, lesson plans, lab books, worksheets, video lectures, textbooks, and full courses published under an Open License that allow for their reuse and repurposing by others and are freely available for anyone to use online. This resolution seeks to reward professors who use and/or develop open educational resources and open the open textbook network to the university library system. The enactment of this initiative will substantially reduce the cost of students face each semester part from tuition, helping alleviate some of the debt burden many students face. The Provost's Office has responded to SGB's actions and is forming a committee to make formal recommendations on implementing the initiative, comprised of faculty, student, and staff members as well as representatives from the library and Center for Teaching. SGB is also working with sustainability students and the Senate Council on this initiative.

Election packets for the 2018-2019 Student Government Board are still available in WPU 848 and are due by January 24th. Any candidate interested in running must sign out a packet and collect 200 signatures for Board or 250 for Presidential positions. This Friday (1/19), there will be a potential candidate mixer held in WPU 548 from 4-6pm. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in running to connect with other candidates and current board members, and ask questions about the campaign process and serving in the position.

The Spring Safety Fair will be taking place on January 30th and held in the WPU Assembly Room from 11am-2pm. Many organizations will be present, including heavy involvement from the Pitt Police. The event will be a great way for all students to expand their education about safety on campus and learn many new tips. Food will be served and a raffle will be taking place for those who attend.

The first Eat and Greet of the semester will take place this Friday (1/19), from 2-3pm in the WPU Kurtzman Room. It is a chef's choice theme, so students will have to attend to find out what exactly is being served. We promise it will be delicious!

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For more information on the resolution, contact Max Kneis at [max.kneis@pitt.edu](mailto:max.kneis@pitt.edu), for information on the approaching Election, contact Anastasia Bodea at [adb126@pitt.edu](mailto:adb126@pitt.edu), for more information on the Spring Safety Fair, contact Ian Callahan at [ipc8@pitt.edu](mailto:ipc8@pitt.edu), and for information on Eat & Greet contact Ami Fall at [agf43@pitt.edu](mailto:agf43@pitt.edu) or Nihita Manem at [nim69@pitt.edu](mailto:nim69@pitt.edu)