



Boston College
UGBC Student Senate
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**A Resolution Concerning the Provision of Free Menstrual Products in High-Traffic
Women's and Gender-Inclusive Restrooms**

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LEGAL PREAMBLE

Whereas: Article 4, Section 2, Sub Point B of the UGBC Constitution states that “The Student Assembly shall be the final authority on all matters of policy, which concern the UGBC.”

Whereas: Article 4, Section 2, Point E of the UGBC Constitution states that “The Student Assembly shall have the poç

Further Acknowledging: Yale University has expanded its pilot program that provided free disposable menstrual products from two to all of its fourteen residential buildings⁶. Additionally, Columbia University has started supplying similar products in seventeen most-used bathrooms in its main campus⁷.

OPERATIVE TEXT

Therefore, be it resolved, the Undergraduate Government of Boston College calls upon the University to commit to protecting female students' health in their menstrual cycles by providing different types of free, accessible, and disposable menstrual hygiene products, including but not limited to tampons, sanitary pads, and pantyliners, for female undergraduates of diverse ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds⁸ and in different phases of menstrual cycles, in high-traffic women's and gender-inclusive restrooms on the Chestnut Hill campus. In the next five years with the assistance of a pre-designed expansion plan, free feminine hygiene products are encouraged to be placed in the bathrooms of all undergraduate residence halls, especially those located on the Chestnut Hill and Newton campuses and the Commonwealth Ave (i.e., 2000

The University Administration and UGBC shall provide additional free menstrual hygiene products and dispensers in the bathrooms that are recommended by the UGBC study group, though not currently covered in the pilot program during the Academic Year of 2019-2020. The study group, under the consultation of the three partner organizations of the University Administration, shall specify the total number and cost of free menstrual hygiene products and dispensers required to meet the annual needs of all the target high-traffic bathrooms on the main campus.

The University Administration shall cover no less than sixty-five (65) percent of the total expense indicated in the UGBC annual study group report; and, after annual budget negotiation with the UGBC, shall gradually increase its spending each year on purchasing the feminine hygiene products and dispensers.

The UGBC Student Assembly (Senate) and Student Initiatives shall organize regular events each year on BC's campuses to collect menstrual product donations and fundraise for the menstrual product and dispenser purchases, in addition to educating the student body on conscious consumerism¹⁰ that will be vital to the success and sustainability of the pilot program and further initiatives.

Long-Term Demands

The University Administration and Undergraduate Government of Boston College shall aim for regular campus-wide distribution of free menstrual hygiene products in high-traffic women's and gender-neutral bathrooms in all academic buildings, residence halls, and recreational facilities for undergraduate students at all three campuses (i.e., the Chestnut Hill campus, the Newton campus, and the Brighton campus).

¹⁰ Update: Free Menstrual Product Program, the University of Washington (3/11/18)