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6 **WHEREAS,** Printing for students at Kansas State University (KSU) is generally run by IT, such that  
7 each student receives a set financial allocation to be spent on printing each semester;

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9 **WHEREAS,** IT staff have been initially consulted regarding the contents of this resolution, where they  
10 stated that many students use significantly less than the allocated amount, which  
11 therefore represents a false and arbitrary limit on the natural printing market;

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13 **WHEREAS,** At the same time, students whose curricula require significant use of printing and who are  
14 not provided with printing by their college or department suffer a hidden cost to their  
15 education by being forced to pay for critical class materials out of their own pockets;

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17 **WHEREAS,** Unlike the cost some other critical class materials, the cost of printing is known by IT to  
18 be relatively constant year to year;

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20 **WHEREAS,** There is precedent at KSU for free at point of use printing, specifically within the College  
21 of Engineering, which has been used to inform all policy recommendations; and

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23 **WHEREAS,** Assuming that the final pending consultations with IT and the Provost do not reveal  
24 hidden dangers, the evidence shows that making the university printing system free at  
25 point of use would allow it to better match demand year-to-year with increased or  
26 decreased funding while providing equity to KSU students pursuing their education in a  
27 world still partially reliant on paper.

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29 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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31 **SECTION 1.** The Kansas State University Student Governing Association (KSU SGA) supports free at  
32 point of use printing for KSU students.

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34 **SECTION 2.** KSU SGA recommends that the current policy, a dollar amount of allowed printing per  
35 student per unit time, be replaced with a per page policy to be determined by  
36 consultations between IT, KSU administration, and KSU SGA.

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38 **SECTION 3.** KSU SGA asks that the Office of the Provost, the Faculty Senate, and the Division of  
39 Information Technology at Kansas State University similarly support this initiative.

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41 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, a copy  
42 of this resolution shall be sent to Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. Jesse Perez  
43 Mendez, Faculty Senate President Dr. Teresa Douthit, Faculty Senator Dr. Kevin  
44 Wanklyn, Director For Academic and Student Technology Scott Finkeldei, and Student  
45 Senator Phillip Shirkey.