

RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY STATEMENT ON
COMMERCIAL USE OF COURSE MATERIALS

1. **WHEREAS** complaints have been voiced by faculty on all three UC campuses regarding students selling course materials; and
2. **WHEREAS** course material being sold includes personal notes of faculty presented in written form during class; and
3. **WHEREAS** ownership of course material is a topic that faculty have asked the Provost to address as part of Task Force Summary Regarding the Report on Best Practices in Distance Delivered and Hybrid Courses (March 2015); and
4. **WHEREAS** issues involving commercial use of course materials has become a national concern, which has resulted in legal teams at universities such as University of Maryland and University of California, Berkley developing policies on this matter;
5. **THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate requests that the UC General Counsel Office, in consultation with the Faculty Senate and the AAUP, develop a policy on ownership and commercial use of course material in conjunction with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.