*A Resolution to Encourage University Wide Equity in Facilities*

Whereas, gender equality and inclusion should be a key priority for the University of Utah;

Whereas, some of the only locations on campus to purchase or access menstrual products such as pads and tampons are extremely limited across campus;

Whereas, many men’s and gender-neutral bathrooms across campus do not have changing tables;

Whereas, many institutions of higher education including schools in the Big 10, Ivy League, Pac 12, and Big 12 provide free menstrual products across university bathrooms as part of their maintenance operations and budgeting;

Whereas, the implementation of free menstrual product placement at other institutions like University of Wisconsin-Madison showed minimal cost increases and lower labor increases than stocking hand soap, paper towels, and toilet paper;

Whereas, a bulk university purchasing plan could allow for the purchase of significantly more menstrual products at a reduced cost;

Whereas, the average cost of providing campus-wide menstrual products for institutions equivalent in size of the University of Utah is about $10,000 per year;

Whereas, a lack of availability of basic menstrual hygiene products can have significant impacts on student, faculty, staff, and visitor health by increasing the risk of toxic shock syndrome, UTIs, or other infections;

Whereas, the state of New York just passed a law requiring access to free menstrual products in all K-12 school bathrooms;

Whereas, ASUU has invested additional money into expanding access to menstrual products to the Health Sciences buildings after a high volume of requests from students, faculty, and staff;

Whereas, even in buildings that are stocked with dispensers, the dispensers are often only located in women’s restrooms;

Whereas, existing dispensers require coin operation and students, faculty, and staff rarely have coins available;

Therefore, be it resolved that

1. The university explore a bulk purchasing plan for menstrual products and changing tables for every bathroom on university property.
2. The university develop a plan to place menstrual products in all restrooms on the University of Utah campus beginning in FY 2020.
3. The university develop a plan to install changing tables in men’s and gender-neutral restrooms beginning in FY 2020.
4. The university agrees to provide a minimal number of menstrual products to provide free of charge to students, staff, faculty and visitors on campus.