



MEMORANDUM

TO: Marcy Maloney
Executive Director, ASI

DATE: May 10, 2017

FROM: Kaelan Sobouti
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2016-17

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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Feminine Hygiene Products in ASI Facilities

BACKGROUND

On May 4th, the University Union Advisory Board (UUAB) discussed the proposal to provide free feminine products in all ASI restrooms. Initially, UUAB was in favor of the concept but there was much discussion revolving around the implementation and cost of this initiative. While the exact cost is still unknown, UUAB agrees that this service is an important one to provide for its students.

REQUEST

As the proposal states, UUAB requests the Assistant Director of Facility Operations of both the University Union and Recreation Center to report the usage of these products at the first and last workshops of fall quarter 2017. Based off of the results presented by staff, UUAB will begin a review to determine the long-term feasibility of the program.

Attachments

[Feminine Hygiene Products in ASI Facilities]

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DATE: May 2nd, 2017

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SUBJECT: Feminine Hygiene Products in ASI Facilities

PROPOSAL:

To provide free feminine hygiene products in ASI restrooms

RATIONALE:

Periods are not a luxury; they are an element of the female reproductive system. Therefore feminine hygiene products are also not a luxury. "Women have no choice but to buy these products, so the economic effect is only felt by woman [sic] and women of color are particularly hard hit by this tax. You can't just ignore your period, it's not like you can just ignore the constant flow." - California Assembly Woman Cristina Garcia

Because these products "are a basic necessity" not only should they not be taxed, but they should be provided for free to our students to maximize student success.

HISTORY / BACKGROUND:

In the past year, student governments across the nation have started providing feminine hygiene products in reaction to the tampon tax issue and call to action. It all began when Assembly Woman Christina Garcia uncovered that the average \$7 that California women spend monthly on feminine hygiene products brings in "over \$20 million annually in taxes." Now it has grown into a movement which aims to provide these products to women for free.

RECOMMENDATION FOR UUAB:

- Recommendation for the University Union Advisory Board and the Assistant Directors of Facility Operations for the University Union and the Recreation Center to collaboratively research how to provide free feminine hygiene products in ASI facility restrooms.
- Recommendation for the Assistant Directors of Facility Operations to report back progress at the first and last workshop of fall quarter 2017, and annually to determine feasibility of and long-term success of the program

IMPACT:

Females at Cal Poly will have greater access to the feminine hygiene products they need.