



Textbooks: Student Led Practices

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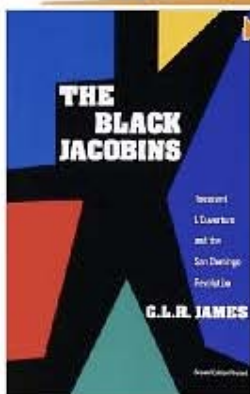
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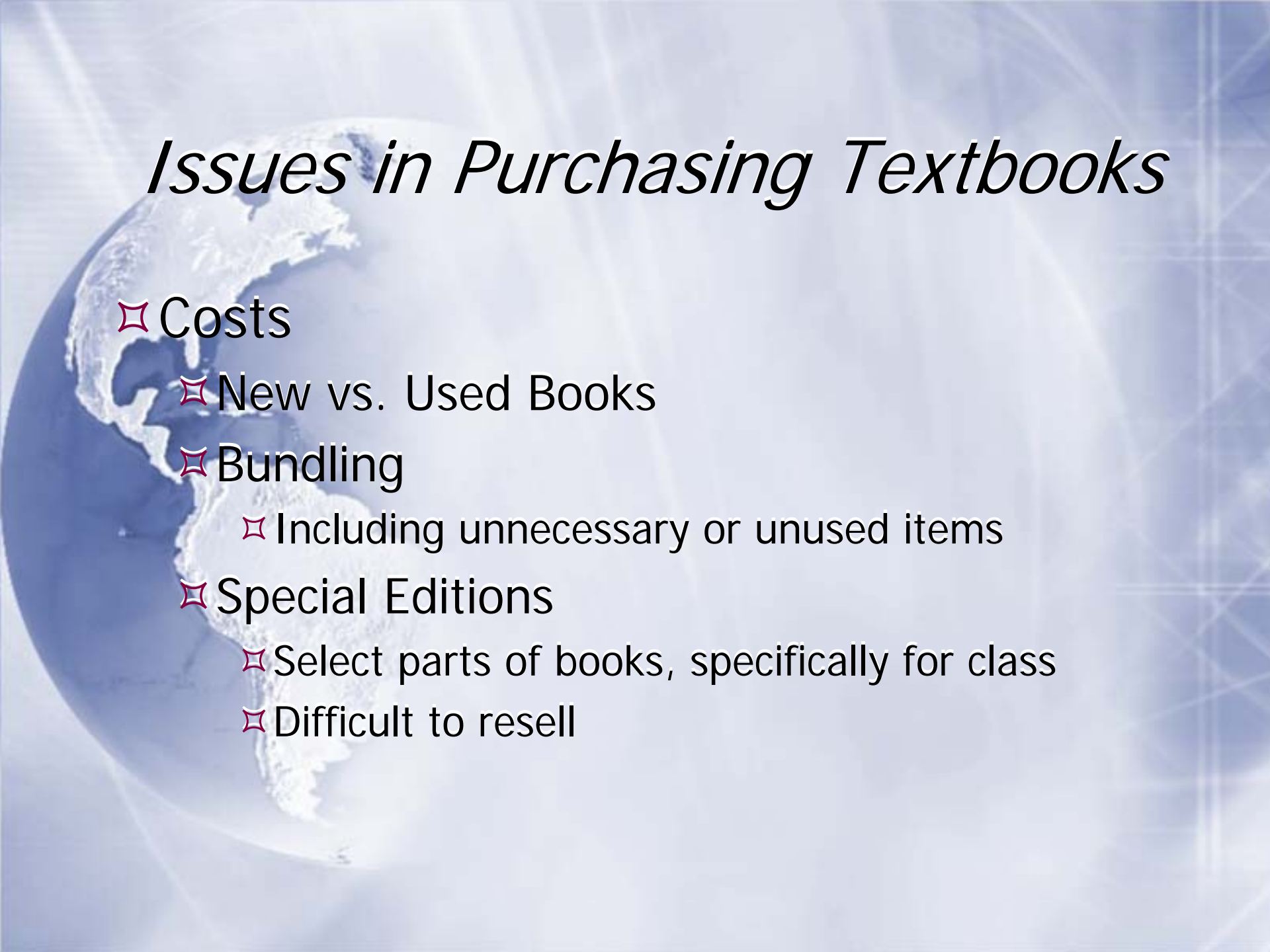
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Issues in Purchasing Textbooks

✧ Costs

- ✧ New vs. Used Books

✧ Bundling

- ✧ Including unnecessary or unused items

✧ Special Editions

- ✧ Select parts of books, specifically for class

- ✧ Difficult to resell



Solutions for Students

- ✧ Make available old editions of textbooks
 - ✧ Liberal Arts books
 - ✧ Science and Mathematics books
- ✧ Publish information early for students to seek alternative booksellers
- ✧ Sell materials unbundled
 - ✧ Books + Access codes
 - ✧ Books + CD ROMs
- ✧ Eliminate Special Editions
 - ✧ Professor “Best Practices”



Student Costs

- ✧ Textbooks cost students, on average \$900 annually
- ✧ Tuition at UMD:
 - ✧ In State: \$8,005
 - ✧ Out of State: \$23,076
- ✧ Additional Costs:
 - ✧ In State: 11%
 - ✧ Out of State: 4%

- ✧ Textbooks Costs growing at twice the rate of inflation
- ✧ Room: \$5,402
- ✧ Board: \$3,706
- ✧ Total
 - ✧ In State: \$17,113
 - ✧ Out of State: \$32,814
- ✧ College becoming less and less affordable



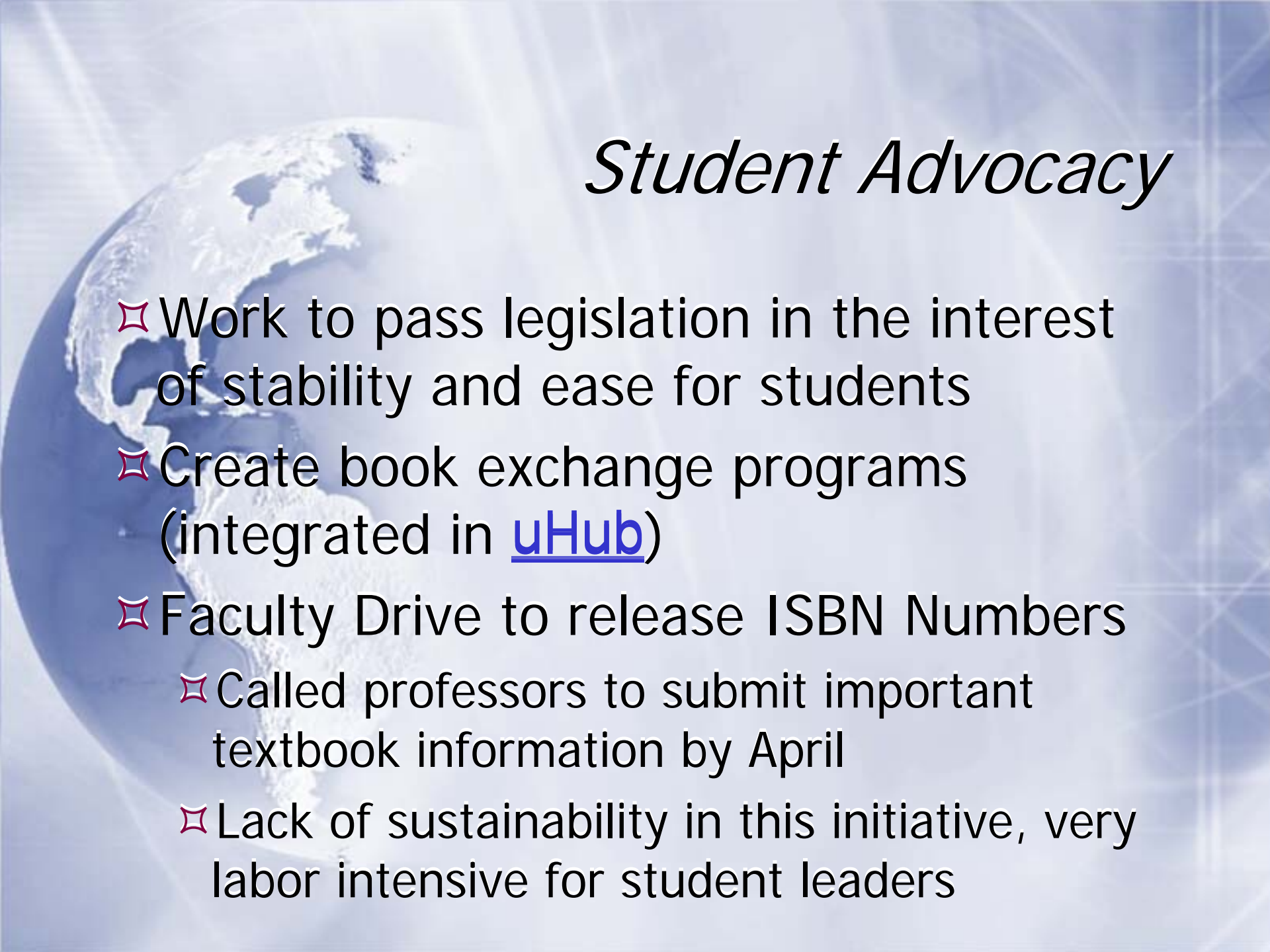
Legislative Action

✧ Federal*:

- ✧ Requires publishers to disclose textbook pricing and revision information to faculty
- ✧ Requires publishers to offer textbooks and supplemental materials “unbundled” (separately)
- ✧ Asks colleges to provide the list of assigned textbooks (incl. ISBNs and prices) for each course when students are registering for classes.

✧ State:

- ✧ Definitions such as “integrated textbooks”
- ✧ Defining information to be provided to students throughout the state of Maryland
- ✧ Include timetable for releasing important information
- ✧ Faculty best practices



Student Advocacy

- ✧ Work to pass legislation in the interest of stability and ease for students
- ✧ Create book exchange programs (integrated in [uHub](#))
- ✧ Faculty Drive to release ISBN Numbers
 - ✧ Called professors to submit important textbook information by April
 - ✧ Lack of sustainability in this initiative, very labor intensive for student leaders