Resolution

In Support of Increasing Access to High Quality
Open Educational Resources

WHEREAS: On October 8, 2015, Assembly Bill 798, “College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015”, http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798 was signed into law by the Governor of California; and

WHEREAS: AB 798 aims to “reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality open educational resources, as defined”; and

WHEREAS: The bill creates a program to “provide incentives and reward campus, staff, and faculty efforts to accelerate the adoption of open educational resources”, up to an amount of $50,000 to the campus; and

WHEREAS: To be eligible for the grant funds, AB 798 requires the local academic [faculty] senate to adopt a resolution in support of increasing access to high-quality open educational resources to reduce textbook costs and supplies for students; so therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fullerton support and encourage CSUF faculty to consider using high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible textbook alternatives, such as the California Open Online Library for Education (COOL4Ed) and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate charge its Executive Committee with soliciting members of the faculty and administration and students recommended by ASI to serve on an ad-hoc working group to develop a specific plan as requested in AB 798 and request that this plan be presented to the Academic Senate as an Information Item at a future meeting, prior to submission to the Chancellor of the California State University.

Source: Executive Committee
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