



## 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](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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