

**CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA**

**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**RESOLUTION**

**In Support of Our Participation in the Open Educational Resources Adoption  
Incentive Program of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015**

- WHEREAS, On September 28, 2011, the Academic Senate unanimously voted in support of the Affordable Learning Initiative Program (ALI) at Cal Poly Pomona and urged all faculty to continue exploring ways to increase the use of high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible instruction materials alternatives;
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona champions the CSU's Affordable Learning Solutions by providing support for faculty through the Cal Poly Pomona Affordable Learning Initiative program (ALI) led by the University Library in collaboration with the Bronco Bookstore, and the Faculty Center for Professional Development;
- WHEREAS, 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 on October 8, 2015;
- 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";
- WHEREAS, The bill creates an incentive program to reward CSU campuses, faculty and staff for accelerated adoption of open educational resources, up to \$50,000 per campus;
- WHEREAS, To be eligible for the grant funds, AB 798 requires the local academic 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 support and encourage faculty to consider using high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible textbook alternatives, such as the California Open Online Library for Education (COOL4Ed, [www.cool4ed.org](http://www.cool4ed.org)); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate charge its Executive Committee with asking the Affordable Learning Initiative (ALI) Steering Committee consisting of faculty, students, and staff representatives 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, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be placed in the archives of the Senate and copies be distributed to President Soraya M. Coley, Provost Sylvia A. Alva, ASI president, and all Cal Poly Pomona faculty.

Adopted (with permission) from the CSUS Resolution calling for Participation in the Open Educational Resources Adoption Incentive Program of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015.

<http://www.csus.edu/acse/Senate-Info/15-16Agendas-Minutes/120315Agendas-Minutes/15-16FS-85.pdf>