

**CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA**

**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**RESOLUTION**

**In Support of the Affordable Learning Initiative Program at Cal Poly Pomona**

- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona students face economic challenges in completing their degrees. The 2008 California Bureau of State Audits Report indicates that the average CSU student pays an estimated \$812 per year for textbooks, about 23% of the student's total annual expenses for their education;
- WHEREAS, The growing availability of low or no cost, high-quality instructional content on the web as well as lower-cost commercially published content has provided a possible alternative to print textbooks in many disciplines;
- WHEREAS, New technologies are becoming available that make it possible for Cal Poly Pomona faculty, staff and students to discover, choose, create, and use digital content;
- WHEREAS, The Affordable Learning Solutions program is an initiative launched by the CSU Chancellor's Office in 2010 to assist faculty in choosing and providing quality affordable educational content for students;
- WHEREAS, The goal of the Affordable Learning Solutions initiative campaign is to make a CSU degree more affordable while protecting quality learning experiences for students;
- RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate support CSU systemwide efforts that encourage CSU faculty to consider using high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible textbook alternatives, such as those promoted by the Affordable Learning Solutions initiative; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate support this campus creation of an Affordable Learning Initiative Steering Committee which includes stakeholders to assist in locating resources for alternative course materials that are more affordable and accessible; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate urge faculty to assist in this effort by utilizing existing procedures to keep costs down such as complying with textbook request due dates. This gives the bookstore time to provide lower cost options such as buyback, used books, rentals, etc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate urge all faculty to continue exploring ways to increase the use of high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible instruction materials alternatives.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be placed in the archives of the Senate and that copies be distributed to President J. Michael Ortiz, Provost Marten L. denBoer, ASI president, and to all Cal Poly Pomona faculty.

Passed by an unanimously vote in the Academic Senate on September 28, 2011

Adopted from the SFSU Resolution calling for the Creation of an Affordable Textbook Task Force.  
<http://www.sfsu.edu/~senate/documents/resolutions/RS11-285.html>