

**Academic Senate Meeting  
April 21, 2016**

**Resolution in Support of California State University, Long Beach participation in the  
Open Educational Resources Adoption Incentive Program of the College Textbook  
Affordability Act of 2015**

The Academic Senate CSULB approves the resolution to support and encourage campus faculty to consider using high-quality, low cost or no cost, accessible textbook alternatives as approved in Assembly Bill 798 to compete for grant funding allocated to the CSU by the bill.

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"; and

WHEREAS: AB 798 creates a grant program up to an amount of \$50,000 for campus faculty and staff for accelerated adoption of open educational resources; and

WHEREAS: To be eligible for the grant funds, AB 798 requires the CSULB Academic Senate to adopt a resolution in support of increasing access to high-quality open educational resources to reduce text book costs and supplies for students; so therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Long Beach, support and encourage campus 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)).