

1 **Resolution in Support of California State University, Los Angeles Participation in the Open Educational**
2 **Resources Adoption Incentive Program of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015**

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4 WHEREAS on October 8, 2015, Assembly Bill 798, "College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015," was
5 signed into law by the Governor of California; and

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7 WHEREAS AB 798 aims to "reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the
8 adoption of lower cost, high-quality open education resources"; and

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10 WHEREAS AB 798 creates an incentive program to reward CSU campuses, faculty and staff for
11 accelerated adoption of open educational resources, up to an a \$50,000 grant to the campus; and

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13 WHEREAS to be eligible for the grant funds, AB 798 required the local academic senate to adopt a
14 resolution and a plan in support of increasing student access to high-quality open educational resources
15 and reducing the cost of textbooks and supplies for students; and

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17 WHEREAS textbook prices rose eighty-two percent between 2002 and 2012, about three times the rate
18 of inflation;¹ and

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20 WHEREAS sixty-five percent of students report not buying or renting one or more assigned textbooks
21 because the cost was too high;² and

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23 WHEREAS by reducing student course material expenses, more students acquire the course materials
24 they need to succeed and benefit from their CSU learning experience; therefore, be it

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26 RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of California State University, Los Angeles supports and encourages
27 CSU faculty to consider using high-quality, low-cost or no-cost, accessible textbook alternatives, such as
28 the California Open Online Library for Education (COOL4Ed); and be it further

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30 RESOLVED that the Academic Senate charge its Executive Committee to work with the Program for
31 Affordable Learning Materials with soliciting faculty, students, and staff representatives for an ad-hoc
32 working group to develop a specific plan as required in AB 798 and request that this plan be presented
33 to the Academic Senate as an Information Item at a future meeting, prior to submission to the
34 Chancellor of the California State University; and be it further

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36 RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of California State University, Los Angeles distribute this resolution
37 to the University President, Provost & Vice-President for Academic Affairs, all campus faculty, and
38 Associated Students, Inc.

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¹"Students Have Greater Access to Textbook Information," U.S. Government Accountability Office, June 6, 2013, <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-13-368>

²"Fixing the Broken Textbook Market." Student PIRGs. January 27, 2014.
