

Hi Students!

Thank you for taking the time to read the Affordable Textbook Options newsletter! This newsletter will help you save money on textbooks. My name is Lisa Storm and I am the Academic Senate Open Educational Resources Coordinator. Please feel free to contact me anytime, my email address is lstorm@hartnell.edu. Keep reading to inform yourself about affordable textbook options at Hartnell College.



Definitions:

1. **Open Educational Resource (OER):** a free textbook or other educational resource that is openly licensed so it can be changed and shared.

2. Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC): a course section that adopted a textbook that is free, or a course section that does not utilize a textbook.

3. Low-Cost Textbook (LCT): a textbook that costs \$40 or less.



[Here is an instructional search video](#), which demonstrates how to use PAWS self-service to find course sections that have adopted either a free (ZTC) or Low-Cost (\$ 40 or less) textbook. A list of course sections (spring 2022) that have adopted ZTC or Low-Cost resources [is here](#).

Survey Results

[Click here for spring 2022 student survey results](#)

[Click here for cost savings for different majors](#)

[Click here to take the student survey, if you haven't already](#)

Resolutions Related to Affordable Textbooks

A *resolution* is the decision or opinion of a specified organization.

[Click here for ASCCC resolutions\(Academic Senate for California Community Colleges\)](#)

[Click here for Hartnell College Academic Senate Resolutions](#)
(Resolutions 21-4, 19-3, 16-2, 1.13)

Students, you can do a resolution too. I will be contacting you soon with some ideas!

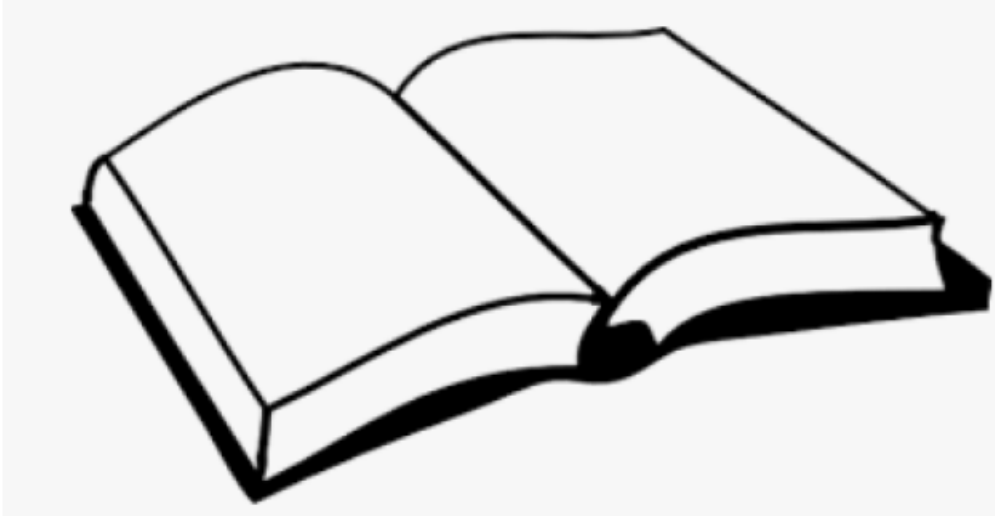
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF HARTNELL COLLEGE ENACT:

WHEREAS, Students, who attend a public two-year Community College will spend on average, \$1,240 on books and supplies¹, and;

WHEREAS, the average price of college textbooks has increased four times faster than rate of inflation in the past decade³, and;

WHEREAS, the use of access codes by college students to utilize online platforms have increased 60% from 2016-17 with the average cost of buying an access code being \$100⁴, and;

WHEREAS, the use of Inclusive Access programs by commercial publishers eliminates students' choice and locks them into a platform that ensures as many students as possible are purchasing these materials⁵, and;



**Please let me know if you
have any questions or
comments about
affordable textbook
options; I am happy to help
you save money on your
college education!**

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