

CRC Academic Senate Resolution: Sustainability and Institutionalization of Zero Textbook Cost Pathway Efforts Through Faculty Coordination

Passed March 22, 2024

Whereas, California Education Code §78052¹ requires that districts “Develop degrees with consideration for sustainability after grant funding is exhausted, including how content is updated and presented” and the Academic Senate for Cosumnes River College recognizes open educational resources as the preferred and most sustainable mechanism for eliminating course costs (SP 22 Resolution²), and the importance of establishing an effective and sustainable zero textbook cost program (SP 23 Resolution³);

Whereas, Faculty have endorsed the importance of textbook affordability by establishing The Affordable Educational Resources Committee, a subcommittee of the Cosumnes River College Academic Senate which is “responsible for promoting and encouraging the adoption of affordable educational resources throughout the college.”⁴

Whereas, The value of OER/ZTC work has been established by the college as evidenced by its inclusion in the Cosumnes River College Student Equity Plan⁵ and the high ranking (#11) of a full-time faculty OER/ZTC Librarian position in the fall 2023 faculty prioritization process⁶;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for Cosumnes River College recognizes that sustaining and institutionalizing zero-textbook-cost pathways requires substantial and on-going work and coordination by faculty; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for Cosumnes River College urges local administrators to advocate at the district-level for the establishment of a growth faculty OER/ZTC Librarian coordinator position at CRC to lead and sustain college zero textbook cost class and degree efforts.

Attribution

This resolution was modeled after the [Sustainability and Institutionalization of Zero-Textbook-Cost Pathway Efforts](#) (17.02) written by ASCCC OERI representative, Julie Bruno, and passed by ASCCC fall 2023.

¹ [California Education Code §78052](#)

² Resolution SP22 [Zero Means Zero Textbook Cost](#)

³ Resolution SP23 [Establishing an Effective and Sustainable Zero Textbook Cost Program](#)

⁴ [AERC Committee Charge](#) (Definition section)

⁵ [2022-2025 Student Equity Plan Executive Summary](#) (Metric 3 action steps)

⁶ [Fall 2023 CRC Faculty Prioritization List](#)

Resolution Timeline

- 2024-03-22: The resolution was presented to the Academic Senate for a first read and discussion. There was a motion and second to suspend the rules and push the resolution forward for a vote. The resolution passed with a majority vote.