

BOD 2015-2016 – 8R Resolution Encouraging California State University, East Bay and Educators to Explore Affordable Learning Alternatives and Open Education Resources

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Incorporated of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) are the elected representatives of the student body of California State University, East Bay; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the rising cost of higher education and the declining financial support from the State of California resulted in the rising reliance on students to carry the financial burden¹; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of higher education, specifically in the realm of textbook, is adversely affecting students' academic and professional success thus, undermining California State University, East Bay's strategic plan² to:

- 1: Reinforce academic quality through open-minded inquiry, innovative teaching, engaged learning, and distinguished scholarship.
- 3: Foster a vibrant community through enriched student services and student life that support student engagement and learning; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown of California signed Assembly Bill 798, with the support from the California State University's student population, in order to "reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality open educational resources."³; and

¹ Medina, J. (2011). California cuts weigh heavy on its colleges. *The New York Times*.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/09/us/09uc.html?_r=0

Wong, A. (2015). California's higher education crisis. *The Atlantic*.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2015/12/californias-higher-education-crisis/418293/>

² California State University, East Bay's Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and Progress Report 2014-15 Division of Academic Affairs

<http://www20.csueastbay.edu/oa/files/Strategic%20Plan/AAStrategicPlan.pdf>

³ California State Assembly Bill 798 College Affordability Act of 2015

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798



WHEREAS, according to the AB-798, ““Open educational resources’ include, but are not limited to, full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, faculty-created content, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.”; and

WHEREAS, open educational resources have been shown to reduce cost of education for students, and individual institutions are encouraged to solve the problem of high cost textbooks⁴; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the ASI Board of Directors, the duly elected student representatives at California State University, East Bay, encourages:

- 1: California State University, East Bay’s Office of Academic Affairs, to explore high quality affordable learning alternatives, especially Open Educational Resources (OER).
- 2: California State University, East Bay’s Office of Academic Affairs, especially the Deans of the Colleges, to explore and seek grant and other funding opportunities pertaining to high quality affordable learning alternatives, especially Open Educational Resources (OER).
- 3: California State University, East Bay’s Academic Senate to review AB-798 and adopt a resolution, in order to insure California State University, East Bay qualifies for grants through AB-798.
- 4: California State University, East Bay’s Academic Senate to develop a specific plan, in collaboration with students in order to be ready to apply for a grant when AB-798 is operational; and let it be finally be

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the University President, the VP of Academic Affairs, the University Provost, the Associate Provost, the Office of Academic Affairs, Department of Information Technology Services, Academic Advising and Career Education, Student Life and Leadership, the Academic Senate, the Semester to Conversion Steering Committee, the Dean of the Library, the Dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, the Dean of the College of Business and Economics, the Dean of the College of Education of Allied Studies, the Dean of the College of Science, Office of the CSU Chancellor, the California Faculty Association, the Students for Quality Education, and the Greek Council.

⁴ Senack, E. (2015). Open textbooks: the billion dollar solution. *The Student Public Interest Groups*.
<http://www.studentpirgs.org/sites/student/files/reports/The%20Billion%20Dollar%20Solution.pdf>



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