

**Senate 2020-21 – 3R**

**Resolution for the Encouragement of Affordable Learning Course Materials**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 14,000 students; 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**, the purpose of the ASI Senate is to serve as the governing body of the students of CSUEB as the ASI Senate, to advance the cause of CSUEB students, and to provide programs and services designed to meet the varied needs of CSUEB students<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASI Policy Agenda 2020-2021<sup>2</sup> states that the ASI Board of Directors will gear “towards improving academic success through effective representation, additional educational opportunities, and accessibility via technology;” and

**WHEREAS**, the high costs of textbooks and related course materials cause important information inaccessible to students affecting student grades and success; and

**WHEREAS**, according to California State Legislation AB-798 College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015<sup>3</sup> was established to “reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality open educational resources”, and

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<sup>1</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Senate Constitution*. Retrieved from: <http://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/student-government/board-documents/senate-constitution.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporate. *ASI Policy Agenda 2020-2021*. Retrieved from: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qon4nJXJPmXRUO-uS-JrV7aRhNVn52m0tu1f\\_50M-bO/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qon4nJXJPmXRUO-uS-JrV7aRhNVn52m0tu1f_50M-bO/edit)

<sup>3</sup> California Legislative Information. *Assembly Bill No. 798*. Retrieved from: [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB798](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798)



**WHEREAS**, SB-1359 2018<sup>4</sup> states that the CSU System “to identify in the online version of the campus course schedule its courses that exclusively use digital course materials, as specified, and communicate to students that the course materials for these courses are free of charge and therefore not required to be purchased”, and

**WHEREAS**, First-year Freshmen who started in the Fall 2020 Semester and the incoming class of First-year Freshmen in the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022<sup>5</sup> Semester will receive free textbooks and instructional materials; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that the College of Science, College of Education and Allied Studies, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Science encourage faculty to contact University Liaison Librarians to see if they can make textbooks in their courses available in the University Library for students to access for free; and let it be further,

**RESOLVED**, that the College of Science, College of Education and Allied Studies, College of Business and Economics, and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Science encourage faculty to work with Bookstore to purchase web access keys as a bulk discount for all students in the course. [purchase online keys in bulk with library]; and let it be further,

**RESOLVED**, that the appropriate party update University Catalog to ensure “Zero Cost” Course Attribute accurately displays courses. [University Schedulers, Academic Senate, Academic Affairs]; and let it be further,

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, College of Science, College of Education and Allied Studies, College of Business and Economics, College of Letters, Arts and Social Science, and any other relevant parties.

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<sup>4</sup> California Legislative Information. *Senate Bill No. 1359*. Retrieved from:  
[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB1359](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1359)

<sup>5</sup> California State University, East Bay. *Free Textbooks for New Freshmen*. Retrieved from:  
<https://www.csueastbay.edu/futurestudents/free-textbooks-for-new-freshmen.html>



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ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] *approves* / [ ] *refuses to approve* this resolution.

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