

**A Resolution Encouraging California State University, Fullerton and Educators to Consider Exploring Affordable Learning Alternatives**

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Incorporated is elected to represent the student body of California State University, Fullerton; and

**Whereas**, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors' to advocate for the student body's interests when barriers are present that hinder success in academic performance due to the rising cost of education and the lack of affordable, accessible learning materials; 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 increasing reliance on students to carry the financial burden; and

**Whereas**, the rising cost of higher education, specifically in the realm of textbook and access to online learning platforms, is adversely affecting students' academic and professional success thus, undermining California State University, Fullerton's strategic plan<sup>1</sup> to:

1. Develop and maintain a curricular and co-curricular environment that prepares students for participation in a global society and is responsive to workforce needs.
2. Improve student persistence, increase graduation rates University-wide, and narrow the achievement gap for underrepresented students; and

**Whereas**, further stressing the dire need to actively explore affordable and accessible learning alternatives with an emphasis in Open Educational Resources<sup>2</sup> for all California State University, Fullerton's students; 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."<sup>3</sup>; therefore, be it

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<sup>1</sup>California State University, Fullerton's Strategic Plan 2013-2018  
<http://planning.fullerton.edu/resources/pdf/CSUF-Strategic-Plan.pdf>  
<http://planning.fullerton.edu/index.asp>

<sup>2</sup>Open Educational Resources: teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. Open educational resources include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.


<sup>3</sup>California State Assembly Bill (AB-798) College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015  
[http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB798](http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798)

**RESOLVED**, by the ASI Board of Directors and ASI Executive Staff, the duly elected and appointed student representatives at California State University, Fullerton, that the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Incorporated:

- 1) Encourages California State University, Fullerton to jointly explore and promote affordable, accessible learning alternatives to current non affordable learning materials with Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Incorporated.
- 2) Encourages California State University, Fullerton to explore and pursue grants and funding opportunities pertaining to affordable learning alternatives and especially Open Educational Resources.
- 3) Encourages the Academic Senate at California State University, Fullerton to review AB 798 and ensure that the University Policy Statements reflect the Assembly Bill's purpose in order for California State University, Fullerton to be eligible for grants from the State through AB 798; and be it finally


**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be distributed to the President of the University, Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, Provost of the University, President's Cabinet, President's Advisory Board, all Deans and Assistant Deans from all Colleges, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, California State Student Association, Governor Brown, and President Obama.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton,  
Incorporated on the tenth day of November in the year two thousand fifteen.



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Armando Robles  
ASI Board of Directors



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