Academic Senate Resolution in Support of the AB-798 College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015

Whereas:   The significant rise in cost of textbooks in the last decade inhibits equal access of

CSU students to the course materials they need to be successful; and

Whereas: Fresno State has implemented the Chancellor’s initiative-- Affordable Learning

Solutions (AL$) and have begun to educate faculty to choose and provide more affordable, quality education content for their students; and

Whereas: By reducing Fresno State student course material expenses, more students acquire

the course materials they need to succeed and benefit from their CSU learning experience; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Academic Senate at Fresno State support AB-798 also known as the

College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015; and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senate at Fresno State’s support for AB 798 includes its support to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources (OER) and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students in course sections for which open educational resources are to be adopted to accomplish cost savings for students; and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senate at Fresno State’s support for AB 798 includes its support to reduce the cost of supplies and instructional materials for students in all courses; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be forwarded to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the University President, and all department chairs.