

BE A HERO

Changing Lives is a Team Effort

Faculty Campaign

Ensure all materials are accessible to all students:

- Reduce the costs of instructional materials to the extent possible
- Make timely adoption decisions
- Transparency to students-know costs and sources at registration
- Adopt Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Easy integration into course
- Apply universal design principles in production of all course materials



The mission of the Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) initiative is to make higher education more accessible to students by helping faculty adopt high-quality, low-cost learning materials and OER.

GOAL

To enable our faculty to advocate and choose quality educational materials that are more affordable for our students. Given our CSU tuition increase, this is the time for faculty to champion reduced educational costs to support our students. Our leaders have asked that Fresno State lead the CSU in this social justice issue. This campaign aims to promote the adoption and use of accessible, high-quality, course learning materials at little or no cost to students, a goal which aligns with our university mission **“To boldly educate and empower students for success”**.



Faculty members need to utilize the HERO Adoption Platform by **April 15th** for summer and fall courses and **October 15th** for winter and spring courses. Typically, only 40% of faculty submit their course materials requests by the deadline. Late adoption adversely impacts student learning. On time adoption:

keeps costs down for students.
facilitates buyback-putting cash in student's pockets.
avoids higher costs due to late orders and adoptions
access used books before availability runs out

Open Educational Resources (OER)

During the 2016-17 academic year faculty who adopted OER and AL\$ materials reduced the cost of instructional materials for students as part of AB 798. Participation required faculty to utilize materials that saved students at least 30% compared to instructional materials previously used.

