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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 798 TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE LEARNING SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS: Access to quality instructional materials is critical to student academic success; and

WHEREAS: The significant rise in costs of textbooks can be a barrier to college attendance, student access, and student success; and

WHEREAS: Faculty are solely responsible for the selection of appropriate instructional materials in their courses; and

WHEREAS: The intent of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 (AB 798, Bonilla, 2015) is to "reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality, open educational resources" (OER); and

WHEREAS: The bill creates an incentive program to reward CSU campuses, faculty and staff for accelerated adoption of open educational resources, up to an amount of \$50,000 to the campus; and

WHEREAS: To be eligible for the grant funds, AB 798 requires the local Faculty Senate to adopt a resolution in support of increasing access to high-quality open educational resources to reduce textbook costs and supplies for students; so therefore

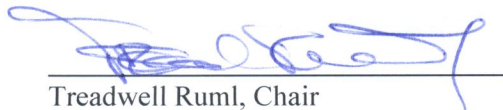
BE IT RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate reaffirms the academic freedom of faculty to choose appropriate instructional materials for their students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of California State University, San Bernardino supports and encourages CSU faculty to consider using high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible instructional material alternatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and 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.

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Approved by the CSUSB Faculty Senate


Treadwell Ruml, Chair

May 10, 2016
Date