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**FS 15/16-85/CPC/EX Resolution in Support of California State University, Sacramento
Participation in the Open Educational Resources Adoption Incentive
Program of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015**

The Faculty Senate approves the resolution to support and encourage CSU faculty to consider using high-quality, low cost or no cost, accessible textbook alternatives, and to establish an ad-hoc working group to develop a specific plan as requested in Assembly Bill 798 to compete for grant funding allocated to the CSU by the bill.

WHEREAS: On October 8, 2015, Assembly Bill 798, “College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015”, http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB798 was signed into law by the Governor of California; and

WHEREAS: AB 798 aims to “reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality open educational resources, as defined”; 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 academic [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 of California State University, Sacramento support and encourage CSU faculty to consider using high quality, low cost or no cost, accessible textbook alternatives, such as the California Open Online Library for Education (COOL4Ed, www.cool4ed.org); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate charge its Executive Committee with soliciting faculty, students, and staff representatives for an ad-hoc working group to develop a specific plan as requested in AB 798 and request that this plan be presented to the Faculty Senate as an Information Item at a future meeting, prior to submission to the Chancellor of the California State University.