

**In Support of Open Educational Resources
Resolution 2016 – 01**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, 53200), and is primarily relied upon for curriculum, degree and certificate requirements, education program development, and policies related to grading, student preparation and success, and faculty professional development (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, AB 798 (Bonilla), the College Textbook Affordability Act, provides funding for faculty and staff professional development, open educational resource curation activities, curriculum modification, or technology support for faculty, staff, and students and requires local academic senates to “adopt a local campus resolution to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources”; and

Whereas, in Resolution 06.05 “Support College Textbook Affordability Act,” adopted at the Spring 2015 plenary session, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges formally endorsed the intent of AB 798; and

Whereas, on September 16, 2010, the Mt. San Antonio College Academic Senate adopted the recommendations of the Textbook Task Force, which included, “encourage the use of free or low-cost open source digital textbooks and learning resources,” and on May 26, 2011 approved the Textbook Adoption Guidelines, which included, “consider all available options...including using softbound and freely distributable materials”;

Resolved, the Academic Senate reaffirms its support of the reduction of textbook costs through the investigation and adoption of high-quality open educational resources; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate supports the development of a campus plan, in collaboration with students and the College administration and to be reviewed by the Senate, to seek funding through the Open Educational Resources grant for the adoption of open educational resources at Mt. San Antonio College.

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