

SP24.02 Establishing a Low-Cost Textbook Definition and Parameters

Whereas, The ASCCC resolution [F22 17.05 Adopt Student Senate for California Community Colleges Low-Cost Textbook Recommendations](#) encourages “local academic senates to adopt \$30.00 or less as their locally established threshold that must not be exceeded for a course to be considered low-cost for designating and reporting purposes.”, a threshold established based on collaboration with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, as directed by ASCCC resolution [F21 03.04 Develop Statewide Recommendations for Definition of Low-Cost Course Materials](#), resulting in the SSCCC recommending \$30.00;

Whereas, The adoption of a threshold for courses at San Bernardino Valley College to be identified as low-cost will allow for the courses to be labeled with the recognizable Low-Cost Textbook logo in the course schedule providing transparency in the cost of textbooks for students at the point of registration, and for San Bernardino Valley College to join the sixty-seven other California Community Colleges in sharing their adopted low-cost definition on the ASCCC OERI webpage demonstrating our commitment to honoring the recommendations of the SSCCC;

Whereas, The ASCCC resolution [S23 13.06 Establishing Low-Cost Textbook Parameters](#) recommends that “local low-cost course material definitions specify that the price point be based on the costs of textbooks and supplemental materials—e.g., homework systems—at or through the college bookstore that are available to all students” and “local low-cost course material definitions specify that the price point be based on the costs of textbooks and supplemental materials that students will own or have access to permanently; and

Whereas, The ASCCC resolution [S23 13.07 Asserting Faculty Primacy with Respect to Establishing Low-Cost Definitions and Instructional Materials Cost-Reduction Goals](#) urges “local academic senates to assert academic senate primacy in addressing course instructional material cost issues, including all aspects of local low-cost definitions and any goal setting related to instructional materials costs or the offering of zero textbook cost and low textbook cost sections”;

Resolved, That the San Bernardino Valley College Academic Senate honor the student voice, as shared by the SSCCC, by adopting \$30.00 as the threshold for identifying courses as Low-Cost Textbooks;

Resolved, That the San Bernardino Valley College Academic Senate requires that the cost of textbooks and supplemental materials that the student will own or have access to permanently be considered when identifying a course as Low-Cost Textbooks; and

Resolved, That the San Bernardino Valley College Academic Senate work with the Vice President of Instruction and staff in the Office of Instruction to establish a process for gathering a list of Low-Cost Textbooks courses to be identified and labeled as such in the course schedule.

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