

## **Resolution SP16.01 Textbook Affordability and Open Education Resources**

*SBVC Academic Senate*

Whereas, The significant rise in costs of textbooks is a barrier to college attendance, student access, and student success;

Whereas, The SBVC Academic Senate is interested in reducing the cost of textbooks to increase student access to necessary course materials;

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, Part of the College Affordability Act of 2015 is an Open Education Resource Adoption Incentive Program which grants up to \$50,000 to CSU and CCC campuses to adopt open educational resources;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of San Bernardino Valley College supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce 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; and

Resolved, The SBVC Academic Senate supports the submission of a grant request per the stipulations of the Open Education Resources Adoption Incentive Program, including the development of a Campus Textbook Affordability Plan, and a Textbook Affordability Campus Coordinator.