

California State University, Northridge
Faculty Senate

RESOLUTION
of the
Academic Technology Committee

Regarding Affordable Learning Solutions
(Approved by the Faculty Senate, February 18, 2016)

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WHEREAS, the high cost of textbooks has a substantial impact on students' ability to purchase required course materials, thereby making it very difficult for CSUN students to be able to afford a quality education, and

WHEREAS the goal of the State of California's College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 is to reduce the cost of course materials for California college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of high quality, no-cost and low-cost materials, especially Open Educational Resources (OER), and

WHEREAS, the CSU Affordable Learning Solutions (AL\$) program is available to: assist CSU faculty to choose and adopt high-quality, free or low-cost course content; educate faculty and students on issues related to textbook affordability; and enable the discovery of affordable, quality instructional content through OER repositories, library and bookstore resources, and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of quality, peer-reviewed digital materials are available for faculty to adopt as Affordable Learning Solutions, a subset of which are available as Open Educational Resources (OER), for use at no-cost and low cost, and

WHEREAS, in order to request funding through the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015, a campus Academic Senate must adopt a resolution that states its support to increase student access to high-quality OER and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students, and

WHEREAS, CSUN champions Affordable Learning Solutions by providing training and support for faculty through the CSUN Affordable Learning Solutions team, led by the Oviatt Library in collaboration with the Faculty Technology Center, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the CSUN Faculty Senate, in collaboration with Academic Technology Committee, encourage faculty to adopt appropriate affordable learning solutions.