



Approved by the Academic Senate
California State University, Chico
May 12, 2016

**Resolution in Support of California State University, Chico's participation in
the Open Educational Resources Adoption Incentive Program of the College
Textbook Affordability Act of 2015**



- 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; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Chico 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 therefore be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the Academic Senate charges the Textbook Alternatives Project (TAP) committee (<http://www.csuchico.edu/cals/tap/index.shtml>) to develop a specific plan in collaboration with students and campus administration that meets the requirements AB 798, and requests that this plan be presented to the Academic Senate as an Information Item at a future meeting.