



## Academic Senate

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### **Senate Resolution 03.15.21: Call to the SCC Campus Community to Support the Adoption of Zero Cost/Low Cost Course Materials**

WHEREAS, Solano Community College is committed to providing an open and supportive environment for all students, regardless of ethnicity, religion, national origin, immigration status, age gender, language, socio-economic status, gender identity or expression, medical condition or disability;

WHEREAS, students cite textbook cost as a barrier to successful completion of classes at Solano Community College;

WHEREAS, faculty support equitable access to classroom materials for all students;

WHEREAS, faculty would benefit from additional resources including professional development opportunities, information regarding access to no/low cost materials, financial and staffing support for creating Open Educational Resources materials that meet Universal Design for Learning standards and copyright regulations;

WHEREAS, there may be challenges, such as quality and rigor, related to Open Educational Resources and the need for additional Open Educational Resources to be developed requiring significant time and work on the part of discipline faculty;

WHEREAS, the reserves in the library continue to grow each year but are unable to outpace student need, especially in the time of COVID;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College calls upon all faculty to adopt Open Educational Resources as free or low-cost course materials for students if at all possible, and if they have demonstrated it is not, that there will be free/low cost options in each discipline;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College will work with administration to develop a clear and accessible compensation process for faculty supporting the development of Open Educational Resources as free or low-cost course materials for students;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College will work with the Professional Development and FLEX committee to provide necessary ongoing training and support for faculty;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College will work with the Distance Education committee and administration to provide support for Open Educational Resources materials that meet Universal Design for Learning standards and copyright regulations.

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College will work with the library and bookstore to ensure that 100% of the textbooks and resources are on reserve in the library on all three campuses and that the bookstore will provide printed Open Educational Resources at a low cost for students.