



## OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION

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

**Whereas**, Many colleges are interested in reducing the cost of textbooks to increase student access to necessary course materials; and

**Whereas**, Individual faculty have the Academic Freedom and choice to select instructional materials that may include the adoption of lower cost, high-quality, open educational resources (OER);

**Resolved**, That the Academic Senate of College of the Canyons 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 faculty choose to adopt open educational resources to promote student learning and to reduce the cost barriers for students;

**Resolved**, That faculty will maintain the option to choose their own course materials, and to select open educational resources or not.

*Approved by the Academic Senate, May 19, 2016*