

Rio Hondo College Resolution from May 15, 2018

Support Efforts to Increase Access for Students to Open Educational Resources

Whereas, the significant rise in costs of textbooks and other instructional materials is a barrier to college attendance, student access, and student success;

Whereas, Many colleges are interested in reducing student costs to increase student access to necessary course materials;

Whereas, The intent of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 (AB 798, Bonilla) 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, Individual faculty have the academic freedom and choice to select instructional materials that are most appropriate for a class, which may include the adoption of lower-cost, high-quality OER;

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of Rio Hondo College support efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce the cost of textbooks and other instructional materials for students.