

Academic Senate Council of Contra Costa College

A Resolution in Support of Open Educational Resources

Adopted on October 19, 2020

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

Whereas many colleges are interested in eliminating or 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/no cost, high-quality, open educational resources (OER);

Be it resolved that the Academic Senate Council of Contra Costa College supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality OER and reduce the cost of textbooks, access codes, and supplies for students in course sections for which faculty choose to adopt OER to promote student learning and to reduce the cost barriers for students.