

ACADEMIC SENATE **RESOLUTION: \$16.1**

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Subject: Assembly Bill 798 (AB 798)

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

Whereas, On October 8, 2015, Assembly Bill 798 (AB 798), "College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015," was signed into law by the Governor of California which creates a program with up to \$50,000 per campus to support campuses, faculty and staff who choose to reduce costs for college students through the use of lower cost, high-quality, open educational resources (OER); and

Whereas, To be eligible for the grant funds, AB 798 requires the local academic senate to adopt a resolution in support of increasing access to high-quality open educational resources to reduce textbook costs and supplies for students;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santa Ana College 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 open educational resources are to be adopted to accomplish cost savings for students.

The mission of Santa Ana College is to be a leader and partner in meeting the intellectual, cultural, technological and workforce development needs of our diverse community. Santa Ana College provides access and equity in a dynamic learning environment that prepares students for transfer, careers and lifelong intellectual pursuits in a global community. <u>Vision Themes of Santa Ana College</u>: I. Student Achievement; II. Use of Technology; III. Innovation; IV. Community; V. Workforce Development; VI. Emerging American Community