

# *The Academic Senate of Sierra College*

**Title: Open Educational Resources**

**Resolution Number: 2016-02**

**Assigned to: Sierra College Community College District**

**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,** The intent of the College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 (AB 798, Bonilla, 2015) is to reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality, open educational resources (OER);

**RESOLVED,** That the Academic Senate of Sierra College support efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students.