

## **Victor Valley College Academic Senate – Approved April 4, 2019**

### **2nd Reading**

### **Resolution: SP19-01**

### **Low Cost Material Resolution**

**Whereas**, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, §53200) and is primarily relied upon for curriculum and instruction development, grading policies, education program development, student preparation and success, degree and certificate requirements, and policies regarding faculty professional development, and shall reach mutual agreement on college governance structures, faculty roles and involvement in the accreditation process, processes for program review, and processes for institutional planning and budget development, and

**Whereas**, the goal of the State of California's College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015 is to reduce the cost of course materials for California college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of high quality, no-cost and low-cost materials, especially Open Educational Resources (OER), and

**Whereas**, courses that are advertised as lower cost will promote greater equity not just for traditionally underserved students but for students who have limited resources to spend on books, and

**Whereas**, the high cost of textbooks has a substantial impact on students' ability to purchase required course materials, thereby making it very difficult for Victor Valley College students to be able to afford a quality education.

**Resolved**, that the VVC Academic Senate, in collaboration with the VVC Associated Student Body, clearly define low cost materials.

**Resolved**, that the VVC Academic Senate, in collaboration with the Office of Instruction, encourage faculty to adopt appropriate low-cost materials.

**Resolved**, that the VVC Academic Senate, in collaboration with the Office of Instruction and Office of Technology and Information Systems, develop a symbol or logo that clearly highlights courses utilizing low-cost materials on course scheduling systems.

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#### Action:

1st Reading Academic Senate: March 7, 2019

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