

Victor Valley College Academic Senate – Approved March 7, 2019

Resolution: SP19-03

OER 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 with zero cost textbooks will promote greater equity not just for traditionally underserved students but for students who have limited resources to spend on books, and

Whereas. Senate Bill 1359 (Block, 2016) requires California Community Colleges and California State Universities and requests the University of California system to include a symbol/logo in the online campus course schedule by January 1, 2018 for courses that exclusively use digital course materials that are free of charge to students and therefore not required to be purchased.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Victor Valley College supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources (OER) and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students in course sections for which faculty choose to adopt open educational resources to promote student learning and to reduce the cost barriers for students.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Victor Valley College, in collaboration with the Office of Instruction, ensure that courses utilizing OER and are designated by a symbol/logo representing course materials that are free of charge on course scheduling systems.

Submitted by:

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Action:

APPROVED 1st Reading of Full Senate: March 7, 2019

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