

Citrus College Academic Senate

Resolution Promoting Best Practices to Reduce the Cost of Textbooks/Course Materials

WHEREAS, The significant rise in costs of textbooks is a barrier to college attendance, student access, and student success;

WHEREAS, Citrus College is interested in reducing the cost of textbooks to increase student access to necessary course materials; and

WHEREAS, Costs of textbooks and course materials can be mitigated through allowing use of older textbook editions, placing additional copies of the textbook in the library, negotiating with publishers for a lower price on softbound and eBooks, offering both eBook and softbound textbook versions, providing information regarding rental books, referring students to Citrus College social media to buy and sell books, incorporating supplemental materials, using OER, and obtaining an eBook license through the library for all students.

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate of Citrus College encourages and supports adoption decisions by faculty that retain student access to high-quality educational materials but provide options that will reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students in course sections.

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