

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE

Statement on Reducing Educational Material Costs at CSUB

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RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate support the California Compact which has the goal of reducing overall educational costs by 50 percent for students by 2025 through the lowering of educational costs by suggesting faculty adopt one or more of the following recommendations;

1. Adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) instead of textbooks,
2. Utilizing electronic or digital media subscriptions through a library license,
3. Reducing the number of assigned textbooks for courses,
4. Reusing older editions of books that students can obtain at a cheaper cost,
5. Providing copies of materials on Library Reserve,
6. Posting pdf copies (copyright and accessibility compliant) on LMS.

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RESOLVED: That to further facilitate reducing costs for students, the Academic Senate recommend that information about available affordable textbook options be included in the mandated notification about textbook costs.

The bookstore notification should include a statement indicating that there are low-cost and/or free resources available at CSUB, and that students should contact their instructor for details.

RATIONALE: Textbook affordability remains a pressing issue for students that impacts student academic success. In compliance with the California Compact, it is critical that CSUB reduce the cost of instructional materials by 50 percent by 2025. Faculty contributions to lowering instructional material costs is key to CSUB's efforts in reducing equity gaps and increasing retention to graduation with ensuing instructional materials are easily available and accessible.