OER Plan has been approved by the CSU system. It allows for $50,000 to pay for a coordinator and faculty in the creation and adopting AB798, which allows for lower book and resource costs for students. The Educational Planning Subcommittee has approved joining OER. It was suggested that a Librarian serve as the coordinator. The senate must approve a resolution in support of the OER.

M/S/P (R. Adsit / A. Ryan-Romo) for the Academic Senate to adopt the following resolution:

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 East Los Angeles College support efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students in course sections for which open educational resources are to be adopted to accomplish cost savings for students. The Senate also supports the discretion of faculty in choosing their books for their courses and the addition of Unjoo Lee as the OER Coordinator.

Adopted by the Academic Senate, May 24, 2016