

Adopted: May 16, 2006

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-646-06

**RESOLUTION ON
TEXTBOOK PRICING**

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Inc of Cal Poly (ASI) has expressed its concern regarding the rapid rise in textbook pricing by recently approving a resolution addressing this matter; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly has supported the principles set forth in the ASI resolution; and

WHEREAS, The complexity of textbook pricing necessitates a comprehensive study of the issues and a search for solutions; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly recognizes that the high cost of certain textbooks and coursepacks can adversely affect the affordability of higher education for its students; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of Cal Poly and the University must protect the academic freedom of faculty in assigning textbooks and other course materials while recognizing the negative impact high textbook prices has on its students; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly will establish a task force to work with Information Technology Services (ITS), Cal Poly Corporation and/or El Corral Bookstore, and Associated Students Inc. (ASI) to look into the feasibility of developing a central publicly accessible website which will provide information about textbook requirements and alternative formats and pricing of textbooks for Cal Poly courses.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
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Memorandum

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Subject: Response to Senate Resolution AS-646-06—Resolution on Textbook Pricing

This memo formally acknowledges receipt and approval of the above-referenced Academic Senate resolution.

Please express my appreciation to the Academic Senate and the ASI for their work on this issue.