Resolution on Textbook Affordability

Whereas, the LACCD is currently engaged in Achieving the Dream and other on-going Student Success initiatives;

Whereas, access to, and use of, textbooks is an important element in successful course completion by students;

Whereas, many students cannot afford textbooks due to high prices in our campus bookstores, forcing students to either postpone or decline to purchase a textbook altogether; and,

Whereas, prices at our campus bookstores often exceed publisher’s retail prices even though our bookstores are non-profit enterprises;

Resolved, that the District Academic Senate communicate faculty concerns to the LACCD Board of Trustees regarding high textbook prices at our bookstores, as well as faculty efforts to address this issue (i.e. OER, meetings with publisher reps, textbook standardization, etc.);

Resolved, that the District Academic Senate urge the Board of Trustees to re-examine the current textbook pricing formula to allow greater flexibility and become more price-sensitive for our students; and,

Resolved, that policy be established so that college bookstores within the District become more competitive within the market as a service to our students and their success.