What is AB 798?

➢ Introduced by Assemblymember Susan Bonilla, signed into law October 2015
➢ State grant program that establishes Open Educational Resources Adoption Incentive Program
  ○ Incentivize campus and faculty efforts towards adopting Open Educational Resources (OERs) at CCs and CSUs
➢ OERs are high quality, openly licensed, online educational materials
  ○ Online textbooks
  ○ Research articles/videos
  ○ Assessments/simulations
➢ Funding from SB 1052 which created the California OER Council
  ○ $4 million from General Fund
➢ Support: Academic Senate for CCC, TechNet, CCCC0, CSSA, CSU, CCLC, Cerritos Community College District, OpenStax
How will it help us?

➢ Average community college student pays $1,300 annually for textbooks
  ○ Almost 40% of total cost of attendance for community college

AB 798 will...

➢ Drastically reduce the cost for textbooks
➢ Increase accessibility to classroom materials
➢ Encourage students who receive BOG fee waivers to take classes with expensive textbooks

Steps to obtain AB 798 Grant Funds:

1) Research AB 798. Collaborate with your EA Senator!
   a) Use the SSCCC-provided AB 798 factsheet

2) Pass the AB 798 resolution through your ASO
   a) Use the SSCCC-provided AB 798 ASO Resolution template

3) Work with a member from your Academic Senate to introduce your resolution before June 30, 2016
   a) Use the SSCCC-provided AB 798 Academic Senate Resolution template

4) Follow up with Academic Senate to submit the resolution as an application to receive funding
Grassroots Organizing 101

In order to ensure that your resolution passes, put a bit of friendly pressure on your Academic Senate! Here are a couple tips on how to mobilize your student body:

➢ During your Academic Senate’s meeting, have students highlight their personal struggles in purchasing expensive textbooks.

➢ Encourage them to spotlight how they could’ve used those funds on other ventures, such as affording additional courses.

➢ Narratives are key. By doing this, you will inform your Academic Senate on the importance of saving students’ money.

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