

Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report for ASGC Meeting of 13 April 2023

Update on Subcommittee and Membership

- Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month, 12:30-1:30pm, as multi-modal meetings (9-154 and via Zoom).
- March meeting cancelled for lack of agenda items.

ZTC Adopter Program

Spring Cohort

The 5 projects (CHEM 410, COMM 110, ECE 366, MATH 225 (2), PHYS 250) are progressing nicely; they are on track to finish up ahead of the summer. Great work, folks!

This work is crucial as we head toward offering more zero-cost degrees and certificates—something that the upcoming state funding will be contingent upon. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Harmon (harmons@smccd.edu) and/or Diana Tedone-Goldstone (tedoned@smccd.edu).

Summer Cohort

Calling all who are OER/ZTC curious and/or enthusiasts! We're now taking applications for the summer cohort of the [ZTC Adopter Program](#). The schedule for this cohort is as follows:

- Applications open: 17 April 2023
- Applications due: 30 April 2023
- Notifications of awards: 12 May
- Check-in 1: 15-19 May
- Check-in 2: 12-15 June
- Training deadline: 18 June
- Check-in 3: 26-30 June
- Check-in 4: 17-19 July
- Submission deadline: 31 July

We will take 5-8 projects this round—so [apply to the program](#) today!

TAS Workshop Wednesdays at The Lounge

We're putting on monthly workshops at the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Lounge (9-154) and encourage everyone to join us—be it in person or via Zoom, 12:30-1:30pm on the following dates:

- 3 May: Library Resources for your Courses

Check your inboxes soon for Zoom links!

Meetings and Newsletters

- Next meeting is 25 April, 12:30-1:30pm, in-person (9-154) and via [Zoom](#). (Check the [TAS website](#) for the latest information.)

ASCCC OERI News

OERI Webinars

- [Math OER Office Hour – April 13](#)
 - Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm
 - [Register for Math OER Office Hours on Thursday, April 13, 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm](#)
 - The OERI is pleased to offer a series of Math open educational resources (OER) office hours throughout the term. These office hours will serve as a Q&A session where attendees bring in their math OER needs, requests, and questions. Attendees can also use this space to receive guidance and ask questions pertaining to MyOpenMath.

- [Follow-up on Psychology Open Educational Resources \(OER\)](#)
 - Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
 - [Register for Follow-up on Psychology OER](#)
 - This conversation is a follow up to our January conversation: Open Educational Resources (OER) for Psychology – New Resources and Remaining Gaps. Please come ready to share any interesting OER you have found as well as any questions or thoughts you have about psychology OER.
- [Psychology OER Office Hours – April 19](#)
 - Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
 - [Register for Psychology OER Office Hours on Wednesday, April 19, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm](#)
 - The OERI is pleased to offer psychology open educational resources (OER) office hours. These office hours will be a space to discuss any questions or ideas about psychology and OER.
- [Open Educational Resources Initiative \(OERI\) Website Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
 - Friday, April 21, 2023 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am
 - [Register for OERI Website FAQ](#)
 - Come take a virtual tour of the OERI website and learn how to find what you are looking for with confidence and expediency. All questions and comments are welcomed and encouraged.
- [American Sign Language \(ASL\) and Open Education Resources \(OER\)—Where We Stand and Where We Want to Go—An Open Discussion for ASL Faculty](#)
 - Friday, April 21, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 - [Register for ASL and OER: Where We Stand and Where We Want to Go — An Open Discussion for ASL Faculty](#)
 - This conversation will focus on sharing ASL OER updates and providing ASL instructors with a space for open discussion about using OER, including current needs and ideas for future OER development. Discussion will be facilitated in ASL, with interpreters available to support those who need spoken English.
- [Math OER Office Hour – April 27](#)
 - Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm
 - [Register for Math OER Office Hours on Thursday, April 27, 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm](#)
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- [What's missing in OER for Philosophy?](#)
 - Friday, April 28, 2023 from 9:00 am – 10:00 am
 - [Register for What's Missing in OER For Philosophy?](#)
 - As a discipline, philosophy has done well in terms of OER availability for most courses taught in the California community colleges, but there are still gaps in the materials and topics available. This conversation is for faculty to share what they've found lacking in current OER for philosophy in order to help shape future OER development.
- [Discussing Open Educational Resources from a Geography Discipline Perspective: Follow up from California Geographical Society \(CGS\) Annual Meeting](#)
 - Friday, April 28, 2023 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am
 - [Register for Discussing OER from a Geography Discipline Perspective: Follow up from CGS Annual Meeting](#)
 - Interested in Geography OER? Join us as those who attended the California Geographical Society Annual Meeting, held on April 21st, in Monterey Park will summarize and discuss the outcomes from a panel conference session on OER.
- [Remixing Spanish OERs in LibreTexts and importing to Canvas](#)
 - Friday, April 28, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
 - [Register for Remixing Spanish OER in LibreTexts and Importing Into Canvas](#)
 - Are you interested in creating a Spanish OER remix? Join our webinar and learn how to map out a remix plan, bring together different OER, publish, and import your remix to Canvas. If you don't have a LibreTexts account please [request one](#) prior to the webinar.

Summer 2023 Textbook Adoptions and OER

Each semester, faculty are asked to submit their textbook adoptions in a timely manner--and it is time to do this for Summer and Fall 2023. Additionally, we need to make sure that if you are using open-source and free materials for your courses, that they are ready for dissemination to your students--meaning, are they in compliance with copyright laws, and are they accessible. And we need to market these courses on WebSchedule as soon as possible, because we know that students are looking for these courses!

Submitting your textbook adoption

Please do one of the following options to submit your textbook order:

- You can submit your adoptions via the Bookstore's [Faculty Adoption page](#).
 - If using an OER, please use the 'Add Book' tab to give as much information as possible. In lieu of the ISBN, please put in the URL where the material can be found.
- You can email Jai Kumar (kumar@smccd.edu) with your information. Please include for each course:
 - CRN
 - Course and section
 - Title, author, and edition of text
 - If using OER that is available online, please add the URL. Please also include any other information that you can about your resource.
 - If you're using Inclusive Access for any of your publisher materials, please state that.
- You can use the PDF form.
 - If you're using OER, then please indicate that on the form, giving as much detail as you can.

What if I'm using an open-source (OER) material or a series of open-source/free materials?

Step 1: Let Jai know

You have ways of indicating this on any of the above-mentioned methods of reporting your adoption. If you are using a series of open-source materials, then please indicate that to Jai as soon as you can via email. This is so that your materials can be verified that they do not infringe on copyright laws, or are indeed open-source.

Step 2: Let Sarah know

Next, you need to let Sarah know that you're using these materials, so that your course can be labeled in WebSchedule accordingly.

- If you are using all free and/or open-source materials, then your course will be labeled ZTC (zero textbook cost).
- If you are using course materials that cost \$40 or less (via the Bookstore price), then your course will be labeled at Low-Cost. (If you don't know how much your materials cost, contact Jai.)

Step 3: Let your students know

Finally, don't forget to put it on your syllabus that your course is using OER, especially if it is ZTC. Students are looking for that information, and we need to be transparent to them about the course. We also need to work these materials into our Canvas course shells, ensuring that students have instant access to them once the course is opened.

Important note: If your course uses no materials at all, it cannot be labeled as 'ZTC'.

Deadlines

Please respect the following deadlines! If there are changes, let Jai know immediately.

- Summer 2023: ***10 April 2023 (ASAP!)***
- Fall 2023: ***14 April 2023 (ASAP!)***

These dates are crucial to ensure the best pricing on publisher materials, as well as to allow time to verify OER materials.