

Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report for ASGC Meeting of 9 December 2021

Update on Subcommittee and Membership

- Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month.
 - We are changing our meeting time to 11am-12pm for the spring semester.
 - We will have a Zoom option for the meeting, but will see in January if we will hold meetings fully online (via Zoom) or if we will be hybrid. Stay tuned!
- Looking for folks from the following areas:
 - Business, Workforce, and Design
 - Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance
 - Counseling

ASCCC Updates

- ASCCC Fall Plenary: 5 resolutions that connect with OER/ZTC passed, with another coming back to Spring Plenary for a second vote. Overall takeaway: We need to push for more clarity in OER/ZTC markings and in making more resources available, not just locally but statewide. There's more on this in the Nov/Dec newsletter.
- OERI Projects are still coming out from earlier this year, and another round of [Request For Proposals](#) is out now. New focus is on DEI-themed texts and ancillaries. It's in the fact-finding stage, meaning that if you have an idea for a proposal, get it in by 10 December. But there will be time in January to see if others want to join in projects that were submitted—and there are many folks across the district submitting proposals. Stay tuned for more information!
- There were so many wonderful webinars this semester—an explosion of ideas from so many folks across the state. Check out the [OERI Webinars and Events](#) page for archived webinars—great brain food as we go into break!

Open Education Strategic Plan

Sarah Harmon and Diana Tedone-Goldstone attended the Regional Leaders in Open Education first cohort, which worked in October and November. The 3-week workshop helped us connect with OER/ZTC leaders at 2- and 4-year colleges and universities in the US and Canada, including our Skyline colleagues (Ame Maloney and Bianca Rowden-Quince); our CSM colleagues (Chris Smith and Lia Thomas) will be joining a later cohort. We explored topics such as Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism (frequently known as the acronym IDEA), accessibility, open pedagogy, and much more. The culminating project was a strategic plan to cover the next 2 semester and out to the next 5 years.

Sarah and Diana brought this strategic plan to the TAS in our November meeting, and we'll return to it in the January meeting. We have some lofty goals—including a movement to have 75% of all course materials ZTC-based by 2030!—and includes more funding for supporting all faculty in their OER/ZTC adoptions and conversions.

We will bring this strategic plan to the ASGC in February for a first look—but please consider joining us at our next meeting (25 January, 11am-12pm) to bring your perspectives and ideas.

DEI Focus for OER

In the Spring 2022 semester, there will be a series of DEI-themed workshops put on by the ZTC Teams of each of our campuses, starting with a January Flex Day discussion on how DEI fits into our course materials, and how OER materials can help you increase representation and inclusion. We'll have lessons that the Skyline and Cañada teams learned in RLOE this past fall, and student perspectives of why representation and inclusion matter in our course materials.

We'll be following up with more opportunities in March during Open Education Week (7-11 March) and our April Flex Day. There are other conferences and workshops being announced constantly; ask Sarah and Diana for more information!

Budget and Other Financial News

- PBC meeting of 17 November, Interim President Lopez laid out the [Free College Initiative budget](#). These funds are based on the 2021-2022 SMCCCD Budget allocations, and has \$1.25M being set aside for OER/ZTC efforts in the District. The result is that there is money to support the [ZTC Adopter Program](#), which will come back for late Spring 2022. We also got further support for the ZTC Coordinator, which will help in all of the work to be done with the upcoming endeavors. But there's much more that we want to do, so check out the November/December TAS newsletter for more information.
- California funding for ZTC will be announced during finals week, with more news on this in January. Expect a couple of grant opportunities...start thinking big, folks! Some examples:
 - Degree programs that can be converted to fully ZTC, including GEs that are frequently taken;
 - Departments that would like to completely convert to ZTC;
 - Ideas for materials that the library can find subscriptions for, so that students can access them freely

Meetings and Newsletters

- November/December Newsletter is out!
- Next meeting is 25 January, 11am-12pm. See Sarah for the Zoom link, and look for an update on a physical location for the meeting (as an alternate) in mid-January.