

Textbook Affordability Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes for 27 April 2021, 11am-12noon

Attendees: Nick De Mello, Valeria Estrada, Sarah Harmon, Allison Hughes, Ramki Kalyanaraman, Jai Kumar, David Reed, Diana Tedone-Goldstone

I. Introductions (5 minutes)

II. OER Updates (10 minutes)

- April Board of Trustees Report on ZTC/OER in SMCCCD
 - The [report](#) highlighted much of the work at Cañada and across the district.
 - Plenty of good interest and feedback from Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee John Pimentel, and President John Nuris—it seems that they are interested in supporting this, especially with the focus on equity and cutting costs to support our students.
 - Maybe we invite one of them to a TAS meeting in the fall?
- Update of TAS and SMCCCD ZTC websites
 - Leading up to the April Board Report, both the [TAS website](#) and the [SMCCCD ZTC website](#) were created and fully fleshed out. (Sarah is still making tweaks).
 - The LibGuide will get refreshed over the summer/fall to be more of a resource/repository.
- Flex Day Student Panel
 - We got 5 students from all 3 of our campuses to participate, and about 25 of our colleagues from across the District joined in the discussion.
 - #1 overall message from the students: While at times for some disciplines the publisher materials are superior, most of the time the OERs are as good or better
 - #2 overall message from the students: The financial impact of course materials is real—both for them and for their colleagues. They are looking for OER/ZTC courses!
 - Faculty questions reflected what we know: many are curious, and they just need a bit of a push to consider OER. (And support, which leads us to...)

III. Final Review of Flex Day Student Panel Early Adopter Program (15 minutes)

~~What happened, and what do we do next to build on the momentum.~~

- Using [Skyline's Early Adopter Program](#) as a model, we decided to go forth and have our own.
- David was able to get a bit of funding from the ASLT budget to do a pilot this summer (Gerardo Pacheco/ESL and Ramki Kalyanaraman/ENGR) of the Category 1: Adoption.
- Sarah is bringing this to the Academic Senate Governance Council on 13 May for adoption going forward.
- David will work with the deans and overall to find funding for 3-5 faculty per term (Fall 21, Spring 22, Summer 22)—we'll see what we can do
- If this gets approved by Senate, Sarah will announce it in the fall (August?) so that the work can begin in September.
- TAS comments: this will be easier in some disciplines than others, but with the Phase 2 Projects from ASCCC OERI coming out in June, there could be more disciplines who are covered—therefore more faculty who will consider adoption.
- Other TAS Comment: Need to find a way to support STEM/CTE faculty, especially if there is proprietary/necessary software for that discipline (e.g. CAD programs, Maya, Adobe products). We should find ways to have site licenses for students to be able to use off-campus, much like we have with Library e-Resources.

V. April/May Newsletter Workshopping (20 minutes)

- Focus Topic: OER and Equity
- Idea of the Month: Pick your summer OER project

VI. Next Steps for AY 21-22 (10 minutes)

- Due to the Participatory Governance Calendar, the 4th Tuesday of the month is still our best day
- Let's rethink the time—probably something in the afternoon—since block scheduling means that many are teaching until 12:25pm.
- Cancelled the May 2021 meeting; next meeting probably on 27 September; Sarah will send out Doodle Poll for times in August/early September, especially as a way to get more division representation.
- Ideas for August/October Flex:
 - Experimental Science and OER (Chem simulations, Carnegie Mellon) (Maybe October Flex?)
 - Collaborative workshop for August: STEM, Business/CTE, H&SS (Sarah checked with the rest of the OER Work Team—they all said yes—so Sarah will work on this for August Flex)

VII. Adjourn

Next meeting: 27 September 2021, Time TBD

Important links

- [Textbook Affordability Subcommittee](#) website
- [SMCCCD ZTC](#) website
- [ASCCC OER Initiative](#)