

Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report for ASGC Meeting of 9 September 2021

Update on Subcommittee and Membership

- The group agreed that we'll keep our meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month—works best with the Participatory Governance Calendar—in the afternoon (around 3pm?). We will be polling committee members to get the best time.
 - Next meeting: 28 September
- We're hoping to get membership from all divisions next academic year—still need participation from:
 - Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Business, Workforce, and Design
 - Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance
 - Counseling

August Flex Day Presentation: Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC): Moving On Up!

- Total participants: 50
- Update on state- and federal-funded OER/ZTC projects
 - State: [\\$115M project](#), details to be announced in the coming months. Focus will be on Z-Degrees and ZTC Pathways
 - Federal: [Open Textbook Pilot Project](#). Same grant that was announced last year, so our District will apply again—working with Promise Scholars Programs in the district to increase adoptions for those courses. Applications are due in November.
- 4 areas of discussion
 - Getting Started: What's in use across the district/state
 - On the Path: Where to look for discipline-specific resources
 - My Place on the Path: Customizing and custom-remixing of OER
 - Roadblocks: What to do if there are few/no available OERs in your discipline
- The presentation has yielded increased faculty curiosity, increased interest in adoption and remixing—or just trying to discover what's out there.

District Strategic Plan and District Budget

- [District Strategic Goal 3](#): Increase Program Delivery Options, Including the Expanded Use of Instructional Technology, to Support Student Learning and Success
 - OER/ZTC is part of this
- District Budget for 2021-2022 will have \$1.25M set aside for OER/ZTC projects (projected)
 - We're working with EVC McVean and District's [Textbook Affordability Solutions Work Group](#) (TASW) to figure out how to split that between the colleges. More on this in October report.

Early Adopter Program

- Summer 2021: ASLT had some funding to devote to this, and we had 2 instructors who completed their projects in June.
 - Gerardo Pacheco, ESL 808
 - Ramki Kalyanaraman, ENGR 260/261
- Fall 2021: TBA
- The program will be expanded with funds from District and State; more on this in October report.

2022-2023 Budget for OER/ZTC

- Because of the influx of money for OER/ZTC from the District and the State, it would be wise to have a line-item in the Instruction budget for all things OER/ZTC—essentially, make it a 'program' like Honors is—to best manage these funds.
 - The Textbook Affordability Subcommittee is still part of Academic Senate—that will not change. The budget is only to manage these funds.
 - Skyline currently has such a budget in ASLT, but will be moving it to Instruction for the same reasons. Their current budget is \$65,000/year.

- CSM is behind us in this process, but will be moving to do much the same, for the same reasons.
- We're looking to use the Resource Request process to create this budget, so that there is full transparency of expenditures, data, etc. This also means that OER/ZTC will be subject to Program Review.
- We're looking for recommendations from Senate, as TAS is a subcommittee of Senate, but will also be bringing this to PBC

Upcoming Changes for Textbook Adoptions

- The District will be moving to a single website to report textbook adoptions—the same site at all 3 colleges.
- A required question is: Is your resource OER/ZTC?
 - If yes, you must provide the information (e.g. websites, titles)
 - Information on OER/ZTC will be collected and given to OER/ZTC Coordinator, and then Division Assistants will be notified to update Banner/WebSchedule
- This change is being done to streamline the process across the District and to comply with [SB1359](#)—transparency of all course materials and their costs.
- TAS will be doing an October Flex Day presentation on this.

Meetings and Newsletters

- Next newsletter will be September/October
- Next meeting is 28 September, time TBD. See Sarah for the Zoom link.