Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report
for ASGC Meeting of 9 November 2023

Membership Updates

We are still looking for representatives from:

- Business, Workforce and Design Division Representative
- Counseling Division Representative
- Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance Division Representative
- Science and Technology Division Representative

October meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. We will be meeting in November.

ZTC Adopter Program

- Fall cohort is working away at their projects

Cañada's Plans for CCCCO ZTC Acceleration Grants

- Got great feedback through participatory governance bodies, made slight adjustments to the MATH AS-T proposal (M.Hoffman will be sharing some of the load with others in the Math department).
- We will be submitting this at the end of the week. We should hear back in the next month or two.

Reminder about Textbook Adoptions and SB 893

- SB 893, the legislation that allows the District to fund the Free College Initiative, has specific restrictions with respect to how students in the program can purchase their course materials.
  - SB 893 textbook funds are *only* available for materials that can be purchased through the college bookstore.
  - SB 893 covers textbook costs for students who show financial need and/or who are eligible for the non-resident tuition waiver.
- The more courses and sections that are converted to ZTC or LTC, the further these dollars can go!

LibreTexts ADAPT Workshop

Many who use OER are familiar with LibreTexts, the OER repository. It is part of a larger LibreVerse that includes authoring capabilities for textbooks, assessments and more. It is a powerful tool in the open education world, one that more and more faculty are using.

ADAPT is the formative and summative assessment platform of the LibreVerse. Cañada will be hosting an all-day workshop that is open to educators far and wide. Come learn more about this amazing platform, work with your colleagues across the campus and across the region, and dive into a whole new aspect of the open education ocean.

- LibreTexts ADAPT workshop: Friday, 1 December, 9am-3pm, in 6-101/102 (breakfast and lunch provided)
  - Register online; if you do not already have a LibreTexts Account, you can create one for free at the registration site.
  - Registration closes on 21 November 2023.

Upcoming Reports

In the next few meetings, we'll be discussing some of the following topics:

- Z-Pathways: Where are we, what are the gaps and ideas for addressing them
  - October: Updates on the work paid for by the CCCCO ZTC Implementation Grants and the ZTC Acceleration Grants that we're applying for.
- Success, retention and persistence data from Spring 2021 to present (February)
- Spring 2023 Open Education Week survey results from faculty and staff (October)
- Enrollment data with ZTC/LTC courses (February)

Meetings and Newsletters

- Next meeting will be 28 November 2023, 1-2pm, in person (9-154) and via Zoom.

ASCCC OERI Events

IDEA and OERI Office Hours •

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism (IDEA) Framework Office Hours

Drop in to chat about the OERI IDEA Framework. This space is for anyone using the framework to assess existing OER materials, to create new OER, or to discuss all things IDEA. Join your IDEA colleagues to ask questions, get feedback, or brainstorm.

[Register for Thursday, November 30, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm IDEA Framework Office Hours](#)

[Register for Thursday, December 7, 9:30 am – 10:30 am IDEA Framework Office Hours](#)

[Register for Thursday, December 14, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm IDEA Framework Office Hours](#)

Data, Open Educational Resources (OER), and Zero-Textbook-Cost (ZTC) Pathways: Using Research to Understand and Advocate

Friday, December 1, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

The need to "map" OER/ZTC sections has resulted in the development of dashboards that can not only identify existing ZTC pathways but also inform ZTC pathway work. Such tools can also be used to quantify the impact of OER on course fill rates, student success, and much more. This webinar will provide an overview of the ways data are being visualized and used by one college and one multi-college district.

[Register for Data OER and ZTC Pathways](#)

Different Types of Assessments in MyOpenMath

Tuesday, November 28, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join us to explore the different types of questions you can create in your MyOpenMath assignments. This webinar will focus particularly on types of questions useful for science, technology and engineering courses.

[Register for Different Types of Assessments in MyOpenMath](#)

Writing and Artificial Intelligence: An Open Educational Resources (OER) Guide

Tuesday, November 28, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

How do teachers who assign writing teach about artificial intelligence (AI) text generators? Joel Gladd and Liza Long have developed an OER guide to Writing and Artificial Intelligence in Write What Matters (Pressbooks) that helps students and teachers understand the predictive nature and limitations of large language models like ChatGPT. They invite us to become familiar with these systems and strategies for prompting and citing AI even as we continue to wrestle with the ethical considerations.

[Register Writing and AI: An OER Guide](#)

Overview of Open Educational Resources (OER) in Philosophy

Wednesday, November 29, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

This webinar will give an overview of the numerous OER works in philosophy that cover the most commonly taught courses in the California Community College system.

[Register for Overview of OER in Philosophy](#)

Introduction to Open Educational Resources (OER) for English

Thursday, November 30, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Join us for this introductory session on English and literature Open Educational Resources. We will explore old and new OER texts, reserving time for questions and discussion. Bring your ideas and experiences to share.

[Register for Intro to OER for English](#)

Biotechnology and Open Educational Resources (OER): Achieve Greatness

Friday, December 1, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Join us in this conversation to review biotechnology OER materials. We will also be looking at new contributions to the discipline as well as the next contributors' plan.

[Register for Biotechnology and OER](#)

New Open Educational Resources (OER) Books and Resources in Ethnic Studies and Chicanx/Latinx Studies
Wednesday, December 6, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

In this webinar, we will hear about the two new OER textbooks in ethnic studies: Introduction to Ethnic Studies and New Directions in Chicanx and Latinx Studies. Participants will have the opportunity to preview content from both textbooks and learn how the structure and format of the LibreTexts platform can be utilized for course delivery in various modalities, including online, hybrid, and face-to-face as well as with incarcerated students.

Register for New OER Books and Resources in Ethnic Studies and Chicanx/Latinx Studies

Chemistry Open Educational Resources (OER) Office Hours
The OERI is pleased to offer chemistry OER office hours throughout the term. These office hours will be open to discuss any questions, barriers, or ideas about chemistry and OER.

Register for Chemistry OER Office Hour on Monday, November 13, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Register for Chemistry OER Office Hour on Wednesday, November 29, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Math Open Educational Resources (OER) Office Hours
The OERI is pleased to offer a series of math 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.

Register for Math OER Office Hours on Friday, November 17, 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Register for Math OER Office Hours on Tuesday, November 28, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Register for Math OER Office Hours on Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Psychology Open Educational Resources (OER) Office Hours
The OERI is pleased to offer psychology OER office hours. These office hours will be a space to discuss any questions or ideas about psychology and OER.

Register for Psychology OER Office Hour on Monday, November 13, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Register for Psychology OER Office Hour on Wednesday, November 29, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Register for Psychology OER Office Hour on Tuesday, December 12, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm