Affordable Educational Resources Academic Senate Subcommittee
Minutes for October 1st, 2018 at 1:30 pm in LRC 318

Members in Attendance: Catherine Anderson, Hadayatullah Arifi, Angela Block, Kathleen (Katie) Carbary, Rebecca Goodchild, Antonio López

Guests: Dan Crump

Absent: Linda Meyers (excused), Quarmaine Bogan, Courtney Heidelberg, Tania Hernandez, Richard Gentry, John Goldberg, Debora Loomis, John Polagruto, Leila Stone, Bruce Zenner

Charge of the Committee:
The Affordable Educational Resources Committee works with Academic Senate, students, faculty, and staff in programs across campus to:
1. identify alternative strategies to reduce textbook and course material costs for students;
2. make recommendations that address textbook and course material affordability and accessibility, while respecting academic freedom;
3. educate students, faculty, and staff about alternative strategies to reduce textbook and course material costs;
4. develop objectives and timelines to accomplish actionable goals.

Agenda items:

1. OER committees district wide.

District Academic Senate meeting tomorrow includes an item regarding the possibility of starting OER/AERC-type committees at other colleges. Antonio and Gayle Pitman (academic senate chair) will be in attendance online with Dan, and will report back. The idea is that the other colleges and possibly the district could use AERC as a model. The goal is just to get a discussion of this started right now. Maintaining faculty leadership and academic freedom is important.

2. Updates on AB 798, updates on grant through LibreTexts, updates on Textbook Affordability Assistants.

AB 798 bonus round award decisions have been delayed. However, we were notified that the recent federal application for a ~$5 million grant through LibreText was awarded! The federal grant through LibreText/UCDavis includes SCC as a sub-awardee, which includes Kevin Flash, Antonio López, and Rebecca Goodchild as the main OER harvesting team. We will receive
$100,090/year at SCC (the money goes through the district, but the college is the sub-awardee). We have letters of support from the college and district administration. Details about the way this grant money will be spent were discussed and there is a detailed budget; essentially it will be used for a OER harvesting program which will allow faculty to receive training and support for discipline-specific OER curation. More than half this money will be spent on faculty stipends and release time.

The grant also includes Affordable Learning Solutions (CalState) and other out of state colleges, in addition to LibreText/UCDavis.

3. Updates on committee chairs meeting [held on 9/27/18].

Some of the expectations of this committee as a senate sub-committee were clarified. Members of the committee who have officially appointed are expected to attend regularly and participate in committee work. This applies to all senate committees, not just AERC. Non-attending members should be removed from the membership list. Attendance and absence information will now be recorded in the minutes. Once the committee membership list is up to date, we will put a committee membership list on the website.

4. Introducing our new Textbook Affordability Assistant, Hedayatullah Arifi! (Preferred name, Arifi). Arifi is planning to major in computer science, and might also become our student senate representative. Welcome Arifi!

5. OER Commercial Idea
   Tabled until a future meeting.

6. Other relevant announcements and updates.

**Future committee work and agenda items:**

- Inviting Kevin Flash to present about the details of the new grant at the upcoming meeting?
- Can we invite Delmar or even other participants in the grant team (e.g., Larry Green from Tahoe)?
- OER Commercial Idea
- Membership changes - removal and recruitment