Affordable Educational Resources

Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2017

1:30 - 2:30pm LRC 120

Attending: Katie Carbary, Charell Carr, Tara DuVernay, Kevin Flash, Rebecca Goodchild, Antonio Lopez, Bruce Zenner

1. 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.

Minutes:

2. College of the Canyons Zero Textbook Cost Degree Program.

An upcoming event at College of the Canyons on 9/8 celebrates the creation of a Zero Textbook Cost degree program there. The possibility of using AB 798 grant money to pay for someone from SCC to attend this event, and alternative ways to spend that money, were discussed. Antonio will make a list of potential ways this money can be spent; Bruce and Rebecca will look into people who could potentially be brought to campus to promote OER.

3. OER Flex feedback.

The Flex presentation was not well attended this semester, possibly due to many other Flex events that were well-advertised and attended.

4. OEI/OpenStax Update.

The OpenStax website now offers a Canvas cartridge for the Psychology text, meeting OEI rubric and state standards for accessibility. OpenStax is working on making Canvas cartridges available for other subject areas. A plan is in the works to have these supplemental materials peer-reviewed by CCC faculty.

5. AERC recruitment drive.

Tara will email all faculty within the next few weeks about the committee. Can we give a presentation to new faculty, addressing and clarifying college rules and policies about what
can be used? A FAQ could also be put on the AERC website citing relevant state, district, and college policies about OER use. Rebecca will start looking for relevant information.

Additional plans were discussed, including: giving an update for department chairs council, giving an update to the LRC committee (which has requested an update from us), and having a discussion with the new VPI, Steven Boyd about our committee’s goals and progress.

6. AERC inclusion in committee lists.

The AERC is still not included in the list of college committees.

7. AERC website. Updates? Improvements?

Everyone will look at the website and bring ideas to a future meeting.

8. Introduce Charell Carr, AB 798 Textbook Affordability Assistant.

Charell was introduced and welcomed to the committee. She is a new student worker who will work on issues related to AB 798. She will be in the LRC on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and Tuesday mornings.

Next meeting: September 18th, 1:30 - 2:30pm