Affordable Educational Resources
Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2017
2-3pm LRC 318

Attending:

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.

2. FLEX workshop for spring.

   Did not discuss, moved to next meeting.

3. Appointments to speak with Math, English Reading, English Writing, ESL, and others at department meetings.

   Math - Bruce, English Reading - Mary Ann, English Writing - Antonio, Department Chairs Meeting - Bruce

4. Invite (or meet with) Gabriel Meehan, Donetta Webb to discuss z-degree certificate programs for current CTE programs.

   Did not discuss, moved to next meeting.

5. Website addition: Can we add a “What my colleagues are using” section?

   Committee favorable, website will be adjusted.

6. Student representation?

   Antonio will contact student senate.

7. Semester goals and timeline.

   Can we incentivize participation? Recognize users of OER with certificate of appreciation.
Can we help professors find other professors that are interested in switching to OER?

8. Next Meeting: March 3 (February 17th campus closed).

9. OER committee member to visit LRC committee.
   Antonio Lopez will visit and update the March 17th meeting at 12pm. (Contact Mark Webster if you have questions)

10. California Academic Senate OER Task Force
    No one has time to be on the task force. Time commitment wasn’t advertised.

11. Printing OER on Campus.
    Reprographics can print and bind. Should not use spiral or binders (does not last long). Print needs to be black and white or the cost savings is negligible. Need to contact Randy to see if the college store can purchase and acquire oer texts. Some OpenStax textbooks have physical text options.

12. AB-798 update.
    There has been no funds released yet. Antonio will spend release time, money next semester.