Affordable Educational Resources
Academic Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 19th, 2018
1:30 - 2:30pm in LRC 120

Attending: Farhad Alemi, Viola Allo, Katie Carbary, Charell Carr, Tara DuVernay, Rebecca Goodchild, Antonio López, Elizabeth Shutak

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. Cengage advertisements for OpenNow, curation services through EdMap, and other third-party services to accompany OER.

   Cengage is offering OpenNow for $30 per student. OpenNow provides supplements to free online textbooks. The supplements include class materials, adaptive quizzing, and videos. OpenStax endorses this option. This could be good for adjuncts and faculty that rely on publisher provided resources. Is the $30/student a per semester cost?

   EdMap curation services will analyze a course using SLO’s and past textbooks. They will find a suite of OER that could go with the course. This costs $2400 per course, and we do not know if it refundable. This is being considered because there are unspent AB 798 funds. Antonio will contact Kevin to clarify terms and conditions. Could the everyone in the district benefit from the course, what if the faculty fined the resources unacceptable. How would the benefiting course be selected?

2. SB 1359 Logo and Updated Form Submission Process for SCC.

   Katie submitted the AB 1359 form for her summer class. The wording of the confirmation email implies that any replacement instructor should follow ZTC guidelines. Here is the quote from the email.
If you change your schedule and you are not teaching this section, let us know immediately at scc-ztc@scc.losrios.edu. The new instructor will need to follow ZTC guidelines.

Katie will forward her confirmation email to union representation and Troy Myers for clarification.

3. Student and faculty OER survey results.

Charell has survey results from 27 faculty and 47 students. Charell would like to have more faculty respondents. She and Farhad talked to faculty with open doors. We discussed how more faculty and students could be reached as well as the goals of the survey. If we want to use any data gathered in a document for publishing, we need to use the PRIE office.

4. Social media update. #textbookbroke

We cannot have a social media account for AERC. PIO wants to keep track of social media. PIO recommends using on-campus publications to advertise.

5. “Low Cost” Definition and Logo at other CA community colleges.

   Moved to next meeting.

6. Relevant announcements related to the work of the committee.

   None.

Next meeting: April 2\textsuperscript{nd} from 1:30 – 2:30 pm, in LRC 120

Future agenda items:

- AB 798 “bonus round” funding.
- Obtaining a letter of support for OER from college administration.