

Online Education Resource (OER) Liaison Report to Academic Senate

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Goals: (ongoing)

1. Create two degrees that students can take as fully OER/ZTC
2. Expand our General Education offerings to give students flexibility in their ZTC choices
3. Educate faculty on OER resources available to them and how to use these in the classroom

Announcements:

- The bookstore website ECampus reports the use of OER was 350 courses Fall 2023 and 434 for Spring 2024 = 24% INCREASE!
 - ACTION: more faculty adopt OER
- Office Inst. Effectiveness reports the use of ZTC was 283 courses Fall 2023 and 348 for Spring 2024 = 22% increase.
 - ACTION: more faculty identify ZTC on the Class Schedule page (link was provided on the BAC email from Michael McNellis)
- [CCC Low-Cost textbook definitions](#). Reminder, KCCD is \$50. The OER Student Survey concluded that 56% of students felt \$20, 21% thought \$30, 12% thought \$40, **11% thought \$50**.

Completed Items:

- The OER team conducted a Student Survey through Canvas. There were over 2100 responses. Results are as follows:
 - **Q. Have you taken an OER Class?**
1383 YES 63%
808 NO 37%
 - **Q. Can you tell us which class you used a free textbook?**
I recently realized that my favorite professors that have shown the most care towards their students and their students, have all figured out a way to make sure the material required is no more than \$50 or at no cost at all.

I'm truly afraid to answer this question because I'm sure once administration finds out free textbooks or materials are being used anywhere, they will ensure that practice is put to a end in order to screw over the students and squeeze every penny out of us. I do not trust the administration or their deals with book publishing and licensing programs AT ALL.
 - **Q. Please describe your experience taking a class that used a free textbook and/or course materials.**
 - Students are more comfortable with OER

- Easier
- Easier to navigate the class
- Didn't have to worry about
- Relieves stress
- Need to pay for other things
- Made accessibility faster or more efficient
- Less stress
- Less frustrating
- Wanted to stay in the class with OER
- Improved engagement
- Not as heavy
- Printable- liked the option for a hard copy

Q. Please share your general feelings on textbook costs.

- One comment "My book cost 5 hours of work time."
- Everything is so expensive
- Frustrated to buy a book- but didn't use the whole thing or hardly any of it
- Frustrating to not be able to sell the book when it's a one-time access code
- Too expensive
- Feels like a scam
- Only take four classes a semester because they can't afford to pay for textbooks for five classes
- Don't understand how the textbook industry works

Upcoming Items:

- Library Chair, Faith Bradham, is working on moving the links to OER librarians and resources to more visible locations on the BC website

Respectfully submitted,

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