

# Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report for ASGC Meeting of 12 December 2024

## Subcommittee Updates

- We need you! Looking for representatives! We're looking for at least 2 more at-large representatives from a variety of disciplines. Join us!

## ZTC Adopter Program

- The Fall 2024 projects are close to completion in December. Great job!
- Spring 2025 cohort will open on 23 January 2025. Start thinking about your projects now!

## Cañada's Plans for CCCCO ZTC Grants

- Statewide cohorts for the Acceleration Grant plans have finished their work and [reports](#) are now available for all disciplines that went into cohorts.
- There are key resources, especially in [reported OER usage by C-ID](#). Check out what's being used!
- Our Acceleration Grant cohorts (ECE, MATH) are in progress!
  - ECE AS-T with Digital Learning Enhancement is mostly finished and in final revision stage. The project is slated to finish ahead of the Spring 2025 term. We are asking for the remaining \$170,000 of the grant to compensate our faculty, add to the Library resources, and other areas of support.
  - MATH AS-T with Competency- and Equity-Based Learning has planned their project and will work in Spring 2025. They are partnering with a Puente math community of practice in this work. We are asking for the remaining \$170,000 of the grant to compensate our faculty, add to the Library resources, and other areas of support.
- We'll be applying for 3 further CCCCO ZTC grants:
  - Acceleration II Grant for Digital Art and Animation: This \$200,000 grant will go to the authoring of a new OER textbook for MART 362 (Digital Photography) and for the conversion of MART 379 (Introduction to Digital Animation); Prof. Emanuela Quaglia will receive .3 FTE in Spring 2025 for working on MART 362, while Prof. David Gainey will receive .3 FTE in Summer 2025 to work on MART 379. The funds will compensate our faculty, purchase licenses of software for the college and the program's students, add to the Library resources, and other areas of support. This will make the full DAA AA and Certificate of Achievement our latest ZTC pathways starting Fall 2025.
  - OER Expansion Grant for Biology 110: This \$20,000 grant will go to the authoring of adaptive quizzes as ancillaries for the OpenStax Biology. Prof. Barry Thomson will be working on this project using LibreTexts' ADAPT platform and the adaptive learning trees, and Prof. Thomson will receive .2 FTE for his work in Spring 2025 on this project. Funds will also go to supporting Biology faculty in using these quizzes. The quiz ancillaries will be ready for Fall 2025.
  - OER Expansion Grant for Spanish 130: This \$20,000 grant will go to the co-authoring project that Dr. Sarah Harmon has been involved with for over 2 years. (Dr. Harmon is one of 4 co-authors on the project.) The next project of the *Entrada Libre/Tarea Libre* team is to significantly update and author content that matches the team's recent *Tarea Libre 2* homework ancillary for second-year collegiate Spanish. Dr. Harmon will receive .2 TE in Summer 2025 for her portion of *Entrada Libre 2*, which will be published at the end of Summer 2025 and ready for adoption in Fall 2025. The remainder of the funds will go to Library resources and other support as needed.

## Reminder about Textbook Adoptions and SB 893

- SB 893, the legislation that allows the District to fund the Free College Initiative, has specific restrictions with respect to how students in the program can purchase their course materials.
  - SB 893 textbook funds are **only** available for materials that can be purchased through the college bookstore.

- SB 893 covers textbook costs for students who show financial need and/or who are eligible for the non-resident tuition waiver.
- The more courses and sections that are converted to ZTC or LTC, the further these dollars can go!
  - If you're using ZTC materials—especially those that are open-source—you can make a print option copy available. That way, your students can use their financial aid funds to purchase that print copy. Ask Jai for more info!

## Meetings

Our next meeting will be 28 January 2025, 1-2pm, via [Zoom](#). All are welcome!

## ASCCC OERI News and Events

The OERI is currently recruiting Discipline Leads for 2024 – 2025. And new Leads who wish to can begin their work over the summer. Discipline Leads receive a stipend of \$500 per term for completing their assigned tasks and are also eligible to receive a stipend for taking the OERI's courses. [Read more about the Discipline Lead role](#) and the process for applying.

The OERI encourages faculty in all disciplines to apply. While we are presently recruiting Leads for the following disciplines, we are always happy to consider others.

- Business
- Education
- Film, Television, and Electronic Media
- Geography
- History
- Humanities
- Music
- Social Justice Studies
- Social Work and Human Services
- Sociology

## OERI Webinars

The Fall 2024 set of webinars has now finished, with all of them having been recorded and archived on the [OERI Webinars webpage](#).

Spring 2025 webinars will begin in February; more details in January.