

OER Liaison Report
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- All the resolutions related to OER work were adopted at the ASCCC Plenary session. The awareness of OER work among the delegates at the Plenary was evident as was their support for all OER efforts. OERI has created a document that contains all OER-related resolutions: [ASCCC Resolutions – OERI, ZTC, and Course Materials More Generally](#). The document begins with a summary of ASCCC positions on the ZTC program as these were adopted at two different plenary sessions, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. You'll find all OER-related resolutions on the [OER-Related ASCCC Resolutions](#) page.

- The OERI is in the process of formalizing its relationship with LibreTexts. Many faculty have enjoyed the benefits of being a LibreNet member. The OERI will be paying the \$1000 per year system fee for membership, allowing colleges to also join for \$500 per year.

- The ASCCC OERI is recruiting faculty to support OER advocacy efforts by serving as Discipline Leads during the 2022-2023 academic year. The specific tasks of each Discipline Lead will be determined by the status of OER in the discipline. Each Discipline Lead will serve as a resource for their discipline colleagues and will typically host at least one virtual event each term. Discipline Leads receive a stipend of \$500 at the end of each term upon completion of their specified tasks. New Discipline Leads will have the option of initiating their work (with compensation) during the summer. Please note that while OERI is actively recruiting leads in specified disciplines, other disciplines will be considered.

OERI is currently recruiting Discipline Leads for the following disciplines:

1. ● Counseling
2. ● Education
3. ● Film, Television, and Electronic Media
4. ● Journalism
5. ● Kinesiology
6. ● Music
7. ● Social Justice Studies

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- As an institution, we are required to report on the number of ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) courses we have. Much appreciation and sincere thanks to English professor Joel Lamore who brought to my attention the difficulty in reporting ZTC courses on the SBVC website. According to Joel, “the problem is that the OER pages on the website don't have a link anywhere to the report page, nor does the ZTC report form appear on the menus of any of the OER pages. It can only be found by doing searches -- and just typing ZTC will not turn it up. So it is a page that exists on the website, but it is an "orphan" page, with no links in relevant OER or other areas.” I will work with the Office of Instruction to ensure this will be remedied over the summer. Here is the link for the ZTC reporting form: <https://www.valleycollege.edu/open-education-resources/zero-cost-section-report-form.php>
- As the OER Liaison this academic year, I felt that I could have done better. Email newsletters were sent sporadically, and not enough discussions and workshops took place on campus to educate the community on OER principles and strategies. I hope to improve that for the next academic year.

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