

ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

OER Liaison Newsletter – Mid-September 2020 Update

We wanted to take a moment to remind you of the webinars scheduled for the rest of the month – and let you know of two additional orientations that have been scheduled for October. We've also included some of the basic OER Liaison (OERL) information from our last newsletter as some of you may be new to the OERL role and also some time-sensitive reminders.

• Who is your OER Liaison? •

When anyone at any college wonders who their OERL is, they should be able to quickly find this information in the ASCCC Directory. Please take a moment to check the <u>ASCCC Directory</u> to confirm that your college's posted information is correct. If it needs updating, <u>please let us know</u>.

OER Liaison Activity Tracking

Please note that we encourage you to use the <u>Fall 2020 OER Liaison Tracking</u> <u>Spreadsheet</u> (tinyurl.com/Fall2020OERL) to record your liaison activities throughout the term. Please review the <u>Fall 2020 OER Liaison Expectations</u> to familiarize yourself with the anticipated activities. Your entries in the tracking spreadsheet are used by the Regional Leads to confirm your participation and verify your eligibility for the OERL stipend at the end of the term. If you're a new OERL, tracking and expectations will be covered in the OER Liaison Orientation.

Fall 2020 OERL October Orientation Schedule

As has been our past practice, we kick-off the term with an orientation to prepare you for your OER Liaison role. We look forward to seeing you at one of the Fall 2020 OERL Orientations.

Register for the Tuesday October 6, 3-4 pm OERL Orientation

Register for the Friday October 16, 9-10 am OERL Orientation

• Upcoming OERL Webinars and Conversations •

Thursday, September 17, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Early Childhood Education: An Example in Discipline-wide OER Collaboration

Learn how Early Childhood Education created a grassroots discipline-wide OER collaboration and how this might be replicable for other disciplines. <u>Register for Early Childhood Education: An Example in Discipline-wide OER</u> <u>Collaboration</u>

Wednesday, September 23, 2:30 PM – 2:30 PM OERL Conversation – Has there Ever Been a Better Time for OER? How has switching to DE from the pandemic changed interest in OER on your campus? Register for Has there Ever Been a Better Time for OER?

ASCCC Academic Academy – Redefining Distance Education

• A Virtual Event – October 8 – 9, 2020 •

The ASCCC OERI is partnering with the CVC OEI to bring you the 2020 ASCCC Academic Academy, focusing on the intersection of OER and distance education and the impact of COVID 19 on instruction, as well as our continuing efforts to ensure equitable opportunities and a supportive learning environment for all students.

Deadline for Early Registration Pricing: Friday, September 18, 2020 - 5:00pm

Register for the 2020 ASCCC Academic Academy

Interruptions in education are not new. Snow days, extreme heat, floods, and earthquakes can all lead to temporary school closures. In addition, California's students may experience the extended disruption and devastating impact of fires. But a global pandemic requiring social distancing and the sudden cessation of traditional classroom instruction for an undefined time period is a force so impactful that our evolution is forced – is it education's Big Bang, where we will emerge anew? Or is it our Ice Age, leading to the extinction of select species and the rapid evolution of the survivors? This year's ASCCC Academic Academy will explore the impact of our recent history on the future of education. Join us as we explore the use of open and online approaches to finding ways to redefine instruction and assessment, create more equitable learning environments, address long-standing inequities exacerbated by reliance on technology, and improve the success of all students.

OERI Opportunities

OERI is seeking new and additional Discipline Leads for the current term as well as a new Area A Regional Lead for spring 2021. Also, we need reviewers for our RFP 2 projects and we will be coordinating OER development work by discipline teams in the near future.

If you previously submitted an application, we have your information and you will be considered for any available roles you indicated an interest in. If you submitted an application previously and are uncertain as to what you indicated, you may either resubmit the application or submit a letter describing your interests and qualifications to the <u>ASCCC OERI</u>.

Both the <u>ASCCC OERI Application</u> and the <u>ASCCC Faculty Application for</u> <u>Statewide Service</u> need to be completed if you are a faculty member. We accept applications on an on-going basis but encourage those who are interested to submit as soon as possible to ensure consideration.

If you are interested in the Area A Regional Lead position, please prepare and <u>submit a letter of interest to us</u> (oeri@asccc.org) by September 14.

OERI Weekly Webinars – Late September 2020 •

During the fall 2020 term, our Weekly OER Webinars have been scheduled for Fridays at 3:00 pm beginning September 11.

OERI Webinars are intended for a diverse audience. We hope you will all join us! Please share with your colleagues.

Friday, September 18, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM New OER

The universe of Open Educational Resources (OER) is ever-expanding and the OERI is pleased to share the products developed by your colleagues in 2019 and other new resources that our faculty are integrating into their teaching. Join us to learn about new OER, progress made with respect to homework systems, and plans for the future.

Register for New OER

Friday, September 25, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Open Forum Questions? Ideas? Join us in this Open Forum where you direct the conversation. Register for Open Forum