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ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

• OERI Newsletter - October 2020 •

Greetings OER Advocates! Please read on for a reminder about the upcoming ASCCC Academic Academy, an opportunity for faculty to get involved in OERI work, and this month's webinars.

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 Registration: Friday, October 2, 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.

• ASCCC OERI – Seeking Faculty Discipline Leads •

The ASCCC OERI is recruiting faculty to support our OER advocacy efforts by serving as Discipline Leads. Our intent is to expand our discipline collections during the fall 2020 term and to increase our targeted advocacy efforts across all identified disciplines in the spring 2021 term. In order to meet these goals, we are now seeking Discipline Leads for disciplines that have never had a Lead and we will be seeking new Leads for the disciplines that have had a Lead previously. [Read more about the disciplines we are recruiting, the Discipline Lead role, and the application process.](#) Applications for fall 2020 are due by October 19.

• OERI Weekly Webinars – October 2020 •

During the fall 2020 term, our OERI Weekly Webinars are scheduled for Fridays at 3:00 pm.

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

Friday, October 2
OER - A Simple Solution in Complex Times
In distressing economic times, with most students studying remotely, not all students have access to the textbooks they need to succeed. OER is a way to bring equity into your course by providing free digital content that you can customize for your students. Join us for an exploration of the many challenges that are effectively addressed by adopting OER.
[Register for OER - A Simple Solution in Complex Times](#)

Friday, October 9
No Webinar – See you at the ASCCC Academic Academy

Friday, October 16
Copyright, Fair Use, and Piracy. Where does OER Fit In?
The use of OER and freely accessible digital resources has increased greatly during the pandemic as instructional faculty seek to support their students while teaching remotely. But an unprecedented situation does not give us permission to ignore copyright, "fair use", and piracy. Join us for a refresher of these topics to ensure you're demonstrating the academic integrity you expect of our students.
[Register for Copyright, Fair Use, and Piracy. Where does OER Fit In?](#)

Friday, October 23
Navigating Acronyms and Icons - Approaches to Marking No-Cost Sections
How are colleges responding to the legislative mandate to identify no-cost sections in their schedules? What does an effective implementation look like?

How do we ensure that our messaging is effective for students? Join us for an overview of the challenges and a potential solution.
[Register for Navigating Acronyms and Icons - Approaches to Marking No-Cost Sections](#)

Friday, October 30
Open Forum
Questions? Ideas? Join us in this Open Forum where you direct the conversation.
[Register for Open Forum](#)