California Higher Education System Update: California Community Colleges

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California Community College System

- 116 California Community Colleges
- 73 CCDs
- Serve 1.8 million students
Vision for Success

Vision Goals

1. Increase credential obtainment by 20%
2. Increase transfer by 35% to UC and CSU
3. Decrease average unit obtainment for a degree to 79
4. Increase employment for CE students to 76% in their field of study
5. Reduce and erase equity gaps
6. Reduce regional gaps

Commitments

1. Focus on students’ goals
2. Design with the students’ experience in mind
3. Pair high expectations with high support
4. Foster the use of data and evidence
5. Own student performance
6. Thoughtful innovation and action
7. Cross-system partnership
Guided Pathways

• Institutional change that improves student outcomes and closes achievement gaps
• Identifying and eliminating student friction points
• Assuming everything can and should change
• Working together to change student outcomes
• The vehicle for achieving the *Vision for Success*

“Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.”

Rumi
Accessing Necessary Instructional Materials

Inequitable Structure

Compounding Friction Points

Financial Load

Psychological Load

Administrative Load
Student-Centered Support Ecosystem
Changing the Paradigm

Support Networks
Financial Stability

Shifting burdens from students to institutions

Physical and Mental Wellbeing
Financial Stability

**Cost of Success**
- Tuition and Fees
- Instructional Materials
- Healthcare
- Etc.

**Holistic Student Support**
- Financial Aid
- Safety Net Programs
- Food Pantry
- Etc.
ZTC Program Overview

Multipronged Approach
(a) For the 2021–22 fiscal year, the sum of one hundred fifteen million dollars ($115,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for providing grants to community college districts to develop zero-textbook-cost degrees, which may include specified low-cost degrees, using open educational resources pursuant to the Zero-Textbook-Cost Degree Grant Program established pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 78050) of Chapter 1 of Part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section may also be used for the curation of open educational resources for courses.

AB 132, Sec. 84, Chapter 144, Statutes of 2021
2016 ZTC Pilot Program

- $5,000,000 Appropriation
- 3 year time frame
- 43 grants awarded to 34 colleges
- Developed 37 ZTC programs and 404 ZTC courses
- 31,000 students enrolled in ZTC courses
- Program awards:
  - AA, AS, AA-T, AS-T, Certificates, General Education (Transfer)

Sample of Subject Areas
- Anthropology
- Business Administration
- Communications
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- History
- Math
- Physics
- Psychology
- Respiratory Care
- Sociology
- Water Technology
Pilot Recommendations

Data Infrastructure
1. True zero cost
2. Quality and equity
3. Share and adopt existing quality programs and course materials
4. Prioritize GE requirements
5. Program sequence of courses and clarify path to completion
6. Equitable access
OER as a Core ZTC Strategy

Vision for Success

Financial Stability

ZTC

OER
Multi-pronged Approach to the ZTC Program

- Systemwide data collection
- Cross-functional Taskforce
- Phased Approach to Grant Funding
New Data Element - XB 12: Instructional Materials Cost

- Announced in May 2022
- Tracks data by course section
- Gathers baseline information for the ZTC program
- Will provide systemwide information on textbook costs
STUDENT EXPERIENCE = Administrative, Financial & Psychological Burdens

Guidance on maximizing, leveraging, or adjusting existing system resources to support student-centered ZTC

Recommendations for establishing a robust and sustained OER resource support infrastructure

Baseline recommendations on policies and regulations that strengthen equitable access to required instructional materials

Inform strategies for state-level support and resources needed to enhance campus efforts to adopt ZTC

ZTC Task Force Focus
ZTC Program Overall Timeline

2021-22
2022-23
2023-24
2024-25
2025-26
June 2027

DATA COLLECTION AND REFINEMENT

ZTC TASK FORCE

PHASE 1 GRANT

$20K/college, certification of participation, and planning for ZTC development

PHASE 2 GRANT

Up to $200K/ZTC program implemented

ADDITIONAL GRANT PHASES
Thank you!

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