

Textbook Affordability Subcommittee Report for ASGC Meeting of 8 October 2020

New membership

- Ramki Kalyanaraman is able to meet with us; he joined the group last academic year.
- Sol Parajon Puenzo is asking to join us as a committee member; on the consent agenda for ASGC for 8 October 2020

Updates to the Subcommittee Structure

- At the 24 September 2020 meeting, we agreed that as an official subcommittee of Academic Senate, we would spend time during the next several meetings creating our committee structure, our goals/responsibilities, and our by-laws.

Working with faculty

- Sarah, in her role as OER Coordinator, has been working with English faculty to find OER material for ENGL 105. She is currently working with the Math faculty to convert their courses to OER-based courses.
 - If there area other faculty/departments looking for similar help, please reach out to Sarah.
- The group wants to look into getting faculty compensation for switching to OER. Many colleges/districts have this built into the contract, and have included switching to OER into that model. Others use grant money; Skyline used to do this with their ZTC Grant. Sarah will talk with various groups, including AFT, to see what can be done, and the group will work on grant money options.

Meetings and Newsletters

- Next newsletter will come out mid-October, with the focus on how to de-addict ourselves from publisher content and greater Canvas integration.
- Meetings will be the 4th Tuesday of each month, 11am-12noon, via Zoom. Our next meeting will be 25 October, 11am-12noon. See Sarah for the Zoom link.