ZTC Grant Update

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Description: The Zero Textbook Costs program is a project to create degrees that students can complete with no textbook or other instructional resource costs for their courses. We are talking about textbooks, other classroom materials such as workbooks, and online homework. We do not include things like calculators or lab fees. In order to be a ZTC degree, not only will students have ZTC course options for the degree requirements, but there would need to be available ZTC general ed. courses as well.

1) We received $20,000 for the planning phase of the project, which takes place this year. Planning includes needs assessment, identifying degrees (associate and certificate, transfer and non-transfer) that we can make ZTC, creating a list of GE courses that are ZTC and which we can help make ZTC. We also decided we need a person to coordinate the entire effort.

2) $20,000 planning grant funds
   a) Gap Analysis: $6,000
   b) Coordination: $8,000
   c) Bookstore OER Print On-Demand Pilot: $3,000
   d) OER/DL Accessibility Specialist: $3,000

3) ZTC Coordinator: members of the workgroup are meeting tomorrow to put together a proposed job description for the ZTC Coordinator who will oversee the ZTC degree project during its three duration. We will work with AFA and make sure we get everything done right.

4) Gap Analysis: We will ask faculty, for a stipend, to conduce a gap analysis on courses within their discipline. They will search for and assess what free, hopefully Open Educational, resources are available for the course, whether or not they meet the requirements their faculty have for the course, as in content, rigor, and ancillary resources like lecture slides, canvas course shells, and online homework to name a few. Participating faculty will also be asked to approximate the number of hours it would take to "fix" the gaps in the resource. The Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) a group under ASCCC, has been overseeing CCC faculty efforts for years to create inclusive, accessible, high quality OER for courses in our community colleges. https://asccc-oeri.org/

5) $180,000 implementation grant funds Budget is Due October 1st
   a) Coordinator(s) - possibly from different discipline backgrounds (I.e. CE, GE, etc.) proposed **$70,000**
   b) Website – Example: https://skylinecollege.edu/ztc/earlyadoptersprgm.php
   c) Faculty Stipends for adoption/transition - possibly have tiers
   d) Print on Demand - $3,000 already allocated, but not used yet
   e) DE OER Accessibility Specialist
   f) Professional Development

6) What we need from faculty: We need people to help us with the gap analyses. When have the details for that all worked out, we will start asking for help. We will approach some departments directly to recruit volunteers and we will likely put out a general call for interested faculty.

We want to have free course resource options for our faculty to choose from that are as good or better then the publisher books and we have the money to support interested faculty to make the switch.