

Online Education Resource (OER) Liaison Report to Academic Senate

09/30/2026

Goals:

1. Expand student understanding of OER/ZTC existence and how to identify OER/ZTC courses
2. Increase the number of faculty adopting OER/ZTC textbooks and materials
3. Improve the accuracy of faculty identifying their courses as OER/ZTC

Announcements:

- Visit [BC's OER Faculty Resources page](#) for all things OER/ZTC
- We have a new OER Librarian, welcome Rachelle Ehteshami! Rachelle can be contacted at rachelle.ehteshami@bakersfieldcollege.edu
- I invited Rachelle to be a member of the Bookstore Advisory Committee – she accepted!

Completed Items:

- May 1, 2026 I attended the 2026 ZTC Summit at College of the Canyons (with Dr. Christine Cruz-Boone).
 - The state has a goal to have 70% sections OER/ZTC by year 2030
 - Statewide low-cost course material threshold = \$30. We are asked to use \$30 for data that is collected (refer to XB12 mentioned in the May 2026 OERL newsletter). There is no need to change local decision.
 - I was able to attend several breakout sessions. One focused on how to use AI ethically in OER
- July 29, 2026 I attended the Cal OER Online Conference
 - The focus was on how to use AI in ethical ways to assist in OER/ZTC creation
 - ZTC continues to experience challenges: students don't know about it, don't trust it or are unable to find it. We need to do a better job promoting ZTC to students.
- August 18, 2026 I attended the BC Student Convocation and distributed small informational flyers to advertise ZTC to new incoming students.

Upcoming Items:

- BC needs to complete the annual ZTC survey by Nov. 3. I recently received the survey and will be in contact with Dean Christie Howell for assistance where needed.
- OER/ZTC grant expenditures need to be reported on NOVA. I spoke with Dean C. Howell regarding this, and she will plan a meeting with Alex Rockey to complete the template.
- I would like to work to promote ZTC on social media
- Look for monthly emails from Fabiola Butcher regarding ASCCC OER Newsletter

Respectfully submitted,

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