

# OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES AND ZERO TEXTBOOK COST COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE:**

4/15/2026

**TIME:**

1-2:00 pm

**LOCATION:**

70-173 or Zoom

**AGENDA**

*The committee was not quorum, so the notes below are only informational; no voting took place.*

1. Approval of 3/18/26 meeting minutes
  - a. Minutes not voted on due to lack of quorum.
2. Chair updates
  - a. Call with Chaffey College
    - i. Zayden met with Chaffey College to discuss their ZTC program and processes. They have something called the "Textbook Transformation Project" through which they educate the campus about textbooks costs, ZTC, LTC, and OER. They also have a senate committee related to ZTC and OER. They have had the TTP since 2019 so their programming now is very robust. They shared solutions to common ZTC work including verified markings in the schedule and are willing to have further meetings to discuss details about how to get it implemented at Grossmont.
  - b. ZTC grant spending
    - i. Zayden shared the possibility of a spend-down plan for all existing grant funds that we have despite the must-spend dates listed online.
  - c. Bookstore markings
    - i. Tate and Zayden met with the bookstore to discuss the use of "zero textbook cost" in the spreadsheet they share with faculty. The bookstore agreed to not use that language anymore.
  - d. [ASCCC Senate resolutions as of April 2026](#)
    - i. 105.04 S26 Estimating Student Savings and Standardizing OER/ZTC Savings Estimates
    - ii. 105.01 S26 Protecting the Integrity of Student Course Information
    - iii. The above two resolutions were related to OER and ZTC work. They were briefly read over, though we are not certain if 105.04 S26 was officially adopted.
3. Copywritten work in Canvas
  - a. After discussion with the librarians, there was a consensus that the distribution of scans of full material violates the copyright of the author.

Fair use is an argument which allows the use of some copyrighted material for educational purposes.

4. PlayLab chat bot for XB12
  - a. statewide [pilot program](#) and [results](#).
    - i. Everyone in the California Community College system now has access to PlayLab. There are some interesting results from the pilot program including bots to help with XB12 coding (ZTC/LTC verification). This will be a future project for the committee.

## CHARGE

The Open Education Resources and Zero Textbook Cost Committee (OERZTCC) reports to the Academic Senate. The OERZTCC provides a forum for OER and ZTC awareness, adoption, and support for faculty and students. The committee provides recommendations, guidelines, and standards (including accessibility) for the integration and sustainability of OER, ZTC, and low textbook cost (LTC) materials. The committee ensures that ZTC/LTC is clearly indicated in the class schedule for students. Ultimately, the OERZTCC works to eliminate barriers to education, increase equity, and improve student outcomes.

## MEMBERSHIP

Zayden Tethong, OER ZTC Committee co-chair  
Nadra Farina-Hess, OER ZTC Committee co-chair  
Holly Reed, AHN (Allied Health and Nursing)  
Ericka Banda, Counseling  
Hadeel Yaqoub, ESBS (English, Social, and Behavioral Sciences)  
Ondrea Mesquita, IOPS  
Tate Hurvitz, GCCCD Administrators Association  
Adelle Roe, OTLC Committee liaison  
Lara Braff, ASCCC OERI Representative  
Henry Cohn-Geltner, ARC (Accessibility Resource Center)  
Alessandra Velasco, ASG (Associated Students of Grossmont)

## NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2026

