

## **TEDC Meeting Minutes – January 31, 2020**

Attendees: Angela Lucero (Open Resources – UTEP Library), Jessica Martinez (SGA Pres.), Melissa Wholeben, Song An, Angela Frederick, Laird Smith

### Items discussed:

We agreed we want to make greater use of open educational resources, and to discuss with our respective departmental faculty an initiative to involve students in the OER planning for a course. Angela Lucero, from UTEP Library – Open Resources, came to our TEDC meeting to show us the structure of the OERs and how we faculty can access them. She presented us a detailed list of sources, including textbooks, courses, repositories, and "cool tools"; these are all available to faculty under the condition of self-usage - although Angela L. indicated the UTEP Library could work with a faculty member seeking to adopt, adapt or create coursework. She also offered to do workshops at the schools and colleges. Committee members discussed what TEDC could do to support the OER program; Melissa W. spoke of the difficulty of working with materials that are dated; Angela F. expressed the concern that she would have about the quality of the materials. Angela L. agreed that building an entire course based on OERs would be a substantial undertaking, and that faculty might not be able to commit to it.

Finally, the TEDC members present agreed to find opportunities at each school or college where these materials could be adopted, such that each member will attempt to implement OER usage in at least one course, perhaps as many as three. We did not have sufficient number of committee members to make a quorum, so I requested an email vote, to agree to explore OER usage in their respective colleges/schools.

Follow-up note: I'm looking to adopt (with some guidance from Angela L.)

- composition-writing development materials into my courses, as a significant portion of the course is devoted to a term paper
- current resources listings for students to use for their essays and team presentations