

VC Academic Senate Resolution: Support for the Use of Sabbatical Leave to Develop Large-Scale OER/ZTC Projects

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Whereas, It is widely recognized that the initial adoption of OER may be more complicated and time-consuming than the adoption of a commercial instructional material due to multiple factors that change according to specific class requirements including variable needs for the modification, curation, and/or creation of rigorous OER; and

Whereas, The ASCCC encourages local senates and bargaining units to work with their administrations to allow the use of sabbaticals and other professional development opportunities for the development of accessible OER (ASCCC Resolution [12.02](#));

Therefore be it Resolved, That the VC Academic Senate recognizes that sustaining and institutionalizing ZTC degree and certificate pathways requires on-going work and coordination by faculty that may be best supported by sabbatical leave, reassigned time, stipends, professional development training, support staff and technology; and

Resolved, The VC Academic Senate encourage OER-related projects in the sabbatical selection process and advocate for the provision of reassigned time, stipends, and the support of additional qualified personnel for further modification and the development of ancillary materials.

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