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## Ad Hoc Open Educational Resources (OER) Committee

### What is OER?

OER are teaching, learning, and research materials that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits repurposing by others—and therefore are free or low-cost to students. “OER often have a Creative Commons or GNU license that state specifically how the material may be used, reused, adapted, and shared” (OER Commons).

### Committee Objectives

- Create policies and procedures for developing and implementing OER curricula;
- Assess course syllabi to determine whether they qualify to be designated an OER course, according to established criteria;
- Set policies for the allocation of SUNY OER funding (when available) to support campus OER initiatives;
- Assess needs and recommend resources to support faculty teaching OER courses;
- Cultivate resources to support the College’s OER programs;
- Develop relationships across the campus to sustain a long-term OER program; and
- Report to the Senate at least once each semester on OER activities, promotion, and sustainability initiatives.

### Activities & Agenda Items, Fall 2022

- “Single Assignment Approach to Open Pedagogy & Accessibility” faculty workshop. Oct. 27, 2022. NAB-1113 & Zoom. Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/ywf6xed6>
- Review draft syllabi for winter/spring courses to determine if they meet the criteria to be registered as OER courses in the registration system and with SUNY.
- Present a proposal/resolution to Faculty Senate to Amend the Faculty Bylaws to Establish a College-Wide Open Educational Resources Committee.

### Join Us!

If you taught at least one course with OER or simply have an interest in OER and open education, this is the committee for you! Our committee meets approximately 3 times per semester. Members are not elected. To join this committee or if you would like to know more, contact Christa DeVirgilio ([devirgilioc@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:devirgilioc@oldwestbury.edu)) or Joanne Spadaro ([spadaroj@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:spadaroj@oldwestbury.edu)).

### Committee Members, Fall 2022

Christa DeVirgilio co-chair (Library), Veronika Dolar, (PEL), John Estes, secretary (CH/PH), Barbara Hillery (Academic Affairs), Svetlana Jovic (PY), Jason Kaloudis (Library), Yogesh More (Math/CIS), Chandra Shehigian (Instructional Design), Joanne Spadaro, co-chair (Library)