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To: Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS)

From: Gerry Hanley, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Technology Services
Principal Investigation, Hewlett/Gates grants for SB 1052 & SB 1053 project activities
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RE: Termination of funding for SB 1052 project activities and plans for supporting AB 798

Date: March 9, 2016

The California State University was awarded two grants, one from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and one from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, for \$500,000 each which provided access to \$1,000,000 in California State funds to fund the grant activities aligned with SB 1052 and SB 1053. This memo is providing the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) the status and notification of the termination of funding for SB 1052 project activities, a description of CA OER Council activities funded under AB 798, and a description of the funding for administrative support activities for the CA OER Council under SB 1052 and AB 798.

The CA OER Council and their SB 1052 Activities and AB 798 activities

All efforts under SB 1052 project activities by the CA OER Council will be completed by June 30, 2016. The indicators that the efforts under SB 1052 will be completed by June 30, 2016 include:

- The final report to the legislators concerning SB 1052 was submitted by ICAS.
- The California OER Council completed their grant funded responsibilities:
 - Identified the 50 courses that have free and open etextbooks aligned with the courses
 - Solicited quality assurance reviews by CCC, CSU, and UC faculty for the etextbooks
 - Consulted and conducted research with students and faculty concerning free and open textbooks

- Conducted outreach and communications to faculty and students about adopting free and open etextbooks
- There are no additional matching grant funds to be expended on SB 1052 project activities. A no-cost extension was awarded to the CSU for using the remaining funds to support AB 798.
- There was the reallocation of SB 1052/1053 funds (\$3,000,000) to AB 798 to support the adoption of free and open educational resources in the CCC and CSU. Under AB 798, CA OER Council will complete its responsibilities funded by the grants and state funding by Dec 31, 2016, assuming the \$3 million is allocated for campus grants. If all of the \$3 million is not awarded and there is an RFP for “Bonus Grants” to be awarded in 2018, \$27,000 (\$3,000 stipends for each Council member) will be available in July and August 2018 for their review of the proposals for “Bonus Grants”.

Funding Plan for the CA OER Council in 2016

1. January – June 30, 2016, the Council will get the continued level of funding to complete all the grant work under SB 1052 and begin work supporting AB 798. Approximately \$11,000 per member will be transferred to the Council member’s institution to support the members’ participation in the Council’s activities during this period. The Council members will continue to meet virtually as they provide support for CCC and CSU campuses developing their proposals for AB 798 funding. Council members were provided free registration to a CSU-Online Learning Consortium conference to support CCC, CSU, and other higher education institutions planning and implementing their textbook affordability plans.
2. July – August 2016, the Council will review the AB 798 proposals and receive stipends (\$3,000 each as defined under AB 798). The Council will be provided travel support for meeting(s) required to evaluate proposals in a timely manner.
3. September – December 2016, the Council will provide support for awardees in implementing their textbook affordability plans. The Council members will receive stipends of \$2,000 for their support activities with funding provided by the CSU’s Hewlett and Gates grants under the no-cost extension agreements.

The Administrative Support for the CA OER Council and their SB 1052 Activities and AB 798 activities

CA OER Council administrative support from the coordinator (Dr. Kathy Harris) and staff (Ms. Theresa Dykes), who are not members of the Council and have been paid by the grant, will complete their assignments by Dec 31, 2016.

Funding Plan for the Administrative Support for CA OER Council activities in 2016

- January –December 2016, Ms. Dykes will get the same level of funding to complete all the grant work under SB 1052 and AB 798 (70% time-based position). With the possibility of over 100 AB 798 proposals being submitted for funding, the CSU will need the administrative services to manage these submissions and respond to campus inquiries. As of March 10, 2016, Ms. Dykes will be reporting to Dr. Kennedy (CSU co-PI for the grants).
- January – June 2016, Dr. Harris will get the continued level of funding to complete all the grant work under SB 1052 and the coordination of the support for AB 798 activities (estimated \$16,000 for the Spring 2016 term).
- July – August 2016, Dr. Harris will coordinate the Council’s review of the AB 798 proposals and will receive funding from the grants for \$9,000.
- September – December 2016, Dr. Harris will coordinate the Council’s support and provide direct support for awardees implementing their textbook affordability plans under AB 798. She will receive funding from the grants for \$6,000.
- The CSU will continue to administer and sustain the California Open Online Library for Education (COOL4Ed) to support the CCC, CSU, and UC’s textbook affordability programs. COOL4Ed can be a resource for the CCC as it develops its ZTC degrees funded under Prop 98.
 - In consultation with ICAS, COOL4Ed is responsible for reporting on the outcomes of AB 798.
 - COOL4Ed (Hanley/Kennedy) plan on reporting to ICAS about activities and request advice annually (at least).
 - COOL4Ed will migrate and archive the website content produced by the CA OER Council onto the COOL4Ed website with the completion of the Council’s SB 1052 work by June 30, 2016.

Suggestions for the CA OER Council after December 31, 2016

ICAS can continue to appoint and oversee the CA OER Council (9 members and no coordinator) as a regular subcommittee of ICAS to continue providing advice to ICAS and COOL4ed. ICAS can also recommend an advisory committee for COOL4Ed with representatives from the 3 systems or make other recommendations to sustaining communications and consultations with COOL4Ed. SB 1052 has a provision for a “successor group” to oversee the CA OER Council

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(a) The California Open Education Resources Council is hereby established. The council shall be composed of faculty leaders from the three segments of public postsecondary

education, and shall be administered by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, ***or a successor group*** [bold and italics added].

Finally, I would be happy to schedule a conference call or virtual meeting with ICAS to discuss these plans for 2016 and would welcome ICAS's advice on strategies to sustain and expand the success of this collaboration that has benefited both faculty and students of our 3 systems.

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