

Colleagues and Students:

I invite you to join a work group at Lane that will be engaged in exploring open education resources (or OER) and their place on campus. This is the result of a conversation with our student body president, James Manning, who approached me earlier this year about ASLCC's interest to pursue an effort to bring OER to Lane. We need to study the feasibility of open resources in education, identify the issues and develop a plan. I hope this work group can explore and identify methods in which Lane can establish a program to implement open resources in classrooms.

Open educational resources may include many resources typically used by students for their education (i.e. textbooks, packets, bundled information and online media). OER are used by students and faculty across the nation and have been featured in a growing number of news reports and case studies. Most OER can also be integrated with the development of mobile technology, iPad, Kindle, etc. The potential that OER could enhance educational opportunities and provide cost savings to both the institution and students is promising as many colleges and universities are discovering. It is my goal for this team to find innovative, learning centered, and cost effective ways in making the college more affordable for Lane students through open resources while furthering Lane's mission to transform lives through learning.

This group will be engaged with researching and developing a plan by the end of the spring term that includes a pilot program beginning in fall 2010. We will need to operate swiftly to meet these deadlines, and your participation is both critical and valuable to the team's success.

We will hold our first strategy meeting on Friday, April 9 at 10:00 am or on Tuesday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m., in the Boardroom, Building 3. Join us to discuss your interest and potential role in this project. Given below are the names of those we have invited to this meeting. If there is anyone else that you think needs to be added to the list, please email me.

Please RSVP your availability to attend the launch meeting to Jen Steele at [steelej@lanecc.edu](mailto:steelej@lanecc.edu), and she will confirm the date, time and location once she has heard back from most of you.

Thank you.

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