

ZTC/OER/POCR MOU Set to Expire on June 30, 2025

March 16, 2025

Dear Faculty,

United Faculty formally requested an extension of the ZTC/OER/POCR MOU, currently set to expire on June 30, 2025. During our April 14 meeting, the District indicated it had no interest in extending the MOU, citing the absence of a funding source.

UF reminded the District that the State allocated additional ZTC funds on April 8, 2025; \$320,000 to Cypress College and \$344,035 to Fullerton College. At that time, the District agreed to review this new allocation before making a final decision on the MOU extension.

On May 14, 2025, the District has confirmed receipt of the additional State funding. Unfortunately, UF was informed that these funds have already been earmarked by the campuses; though notably, not for support of the OER/ZTC/POCR MOU. While UF appreciates the confirmation of funding, UF is disappointed that, despite the clear relevance and intent of these State dollars, the campuses have chosen not to prioritize the continuation of this important program that directly supports and reduces the overall cost of books for our students.

Moving Forward:

Please ensure that any OER, ZTC, and/or POCR stipends for completed work are submitted and processed through your IMS no later than June 30, 2025. This deadline is essential to guarantee payment under the current MOU, which is set to expire on that date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to expanding access and equity through open educational resources.

Sincerely,

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