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Acadeum Partnership for Course Sharing

In January, we officially launched our partnership with Acadeum/College Consortium for course sharing, offering 134 courses and 175 course sections through our consortium on their platform. We are grateful to our inaugural participants: Angelina College, Brazosport College, Frank Phillips College, Howard College, Northwest Vista College, Northeast Texas Community College, Tyler Junior College, and Western Texas College. We are making plans for expansion, so if you haven't already, please contact us ASAP if you are interested in participating during the Summer and/or Fall 2020 terms.

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Open Educational Resources

Infographic

Download our new infographic "[Why Use Open Educational Resources?](#)" to use in advocating for OER on your campuses. Feel free to retain, reuse, revise, remix, and redistribute!

Webinar

Celebrate Open Education Week with us! On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 3:00pm CST, we are launching a new webinar series, *Hot Topics in Texas Digital Higher Education*, with "OER Course Marking in Texas." Click [here](#) for more information, including how to register. This is an official event of Open Education Week 2020.



Professional Development

[Carrie Gits](#), Head Librarian at Austin Community College--Highland Campus and Library Services OER Team Lead for ACC, is developing a series of training modules on OER for us. The modules will include an introduction to OER and open licensing; information on finding, evaluating, adapting, creating, and sharing OER; issues related to accessibility; and Texas-specific OER legislation, policies, and resources. The target date for launch of the training, which will be available through our website, is August 2020.

OER Texas Conference

We are in the early stages of planning the next statewide OER conference, to be held Fall 2020. Dates, location, etc. forthcoming!

Academy Partnership for Course Sharing (cont. from p. 1)

Our executive director, Judith Sebesta, will be presenting on this partnership with Jack Falks, VP for College & University Relationships at Academy, at the [2020 TxDLA Conference](#) in Ft. Worth on Monday, March 23, 11:00am CST, in Rm. 202D. If you are attending, please join us!



TxQMC Updates

The members of the [Texas Quality Matters Consortium](#) were very active during the final months of 2019 with course reviews and QM trainings. If your institution plans to begin the review process for a course this semester, the TxQMC would like to know.

The TxQMC will have a member meeting at the TxDLA Conference on Monday, March 23rd, 4:30pm CST (location TBA), so if you will be in Fort Worth, please join us. We look forward to meeting you and getting your input on the best way the consortium can serve your institution.

State Authorization Network (SAN)

We are facilitating the new Texas State Authorization Workgroup (TxSAW) to help support compliance efforts at our member colleges. It is our hope to build on existing work by WCET's [State Authorization Network \(SAN\)](#), as well as the [TXDLA community of practice](#) on out-of-state activities to develop resources customized for Texas colleges. Contact us if you are interested in joining this workgroup or would like more information on our consortium membership in SAN.

Research

Several goals in our [strategic plan](#) address conducting research on Texas digital higher education. We have begun to conduct a meta-analysis of existing research, data, and information on the subject, which we will publish this spring and then use to identify subjects on which to focus future work. Stay tuned!



Quarterly Member Meeting

Join us for our next DigiTex member meeting at the TxDLA Conference at the Fort Worth Convention Center on Tuesday, March 24, 5:00pm CST (room TBA).



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