Hello All,

The next phase of course development stipends is available for OER courses. Please review the following text and commitments and let me know by the end of business tomorrow (Wednesday 9/4) if you are interested in developing one of the courses on the list below with the support of the college ($1500 course development fee plus support for conference travel and consultation support). Note the OER does not require you to “write a textbook”. In fact, it is the opposite. Most of the courses and supporting materials are already developed by multiple sources. What you would be doing is evaluating the alternatives sources of information and adopting what works for you and applying your own materials to mix.

From the folks at the kaleidoscope Project:

The Kaleidoscope Project has a goal to use open educational resources (OER) to improve student success. Specifically, the project creates and shares open course frameworks that use the best of existing OER to replace commercial textbook materials in their courses. This approach eliminates textbook costs as a barrier to student success, and allows faculty members much greater control over their instructional materials.

The project is funded by a generous grant from the Next Generation Learning Challenges organization.

There is an opportunity for faculty members to participate in the development of new Kaleidoscope open course frameworks. The grant will fund participation in the development process by three faculty members from different colleges and universities. The cross-institutional collaboration is key to the success of the process. We invite faculty members from the partner institutions to participate.

The output from the work will be a complete set of open resources, content, assessments and support materials that are aligned with the student learning outcomes for the course. The output must eliminate the need for students to purchase a textbook or access traditional publisher materials and platforms, resulting in a $0 textbook cost.

Participation requires:

- Attendance at a course workshop in Park City, Utah on November 8–9, 2013 (The grant will fund travel expenses.)
- Collaboration with faculty members at the workshop to review and identify a complete set of OER that aligns with the institutions’ learning outcomes for the course
- Development of new resources or augmentation of existing resources to fill gaps in existing, high-quality OER required for the course learning outcomes
- A commitment to use a Creative Commons Attribution license on any materials developed for the grant (see www.creativecommons.org)
- A commitment to pilot the open course framework with a minimum of two sections of students during the Spring 2014 or Fall 2014 academic terms
While the time commitment to complete this process varies based on the existing materials, most faculty members spend approximately 40 hours completing work and participating in meetings outside of the two-day workshop.

Finally, the course workshop is held in conjunction with the global OpenEd Conference, which runs from November 6 – 8 in Park City, Utah. While the grant cannot fund conference registration fees or additional hotel nights, there may be a possibility to participate in the conference with funding supplemented by the university.

Faculty members may participate in development of the following course frameworks:

**Natural Science**
Chemistry for Majors
Introduction to Earth Science

**Social Science**
Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to Sociology
Principles of Macroeconomics
Principles of Microeconomics
U.S. History from 1865
U.S. History to 1865
U.S. Government and Politics

**Humanities**
English Composition II
Introduction to Art Concepts/Art Appreciation
Music Appreciation

**Other**
Introduction to Information Systems
Introduction to Teaching
Introduction to Online Learning
Managerial Accounting
Marketing
Speech Communication