

BRIGHT SUN DISPATCH

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Priority Reg Begins:

Students begin registration on **Monday, March 2nd**. Talk with your classes about next term. Yours, someone else in your department, someone from across campus or at another campus! Get them excited and let's keep enrollment UP!

SoOr Skills Event:

Formerly known as STEMtathlon, the Southern Oregon Skills Event is being held at the Table Rock Campus on **Thursday, March 5th**.

Next G.I.F.T.:

Kristi Kowalski, from Adult Basic Skills, will offer us some strategies for the first week of the term - getting to know students' names and taking roll. Bueller? Bueller?

What is a "B.N.S."?

Terrie Sandlin, Outcomes & Assessment Coordinator, is going to come and speak with us about adding a "Basic Needs Statement" to our syllabi. She will tell us about the latest Oregon President Council and the in depth discussion on this matter. **Friday, March 6th**

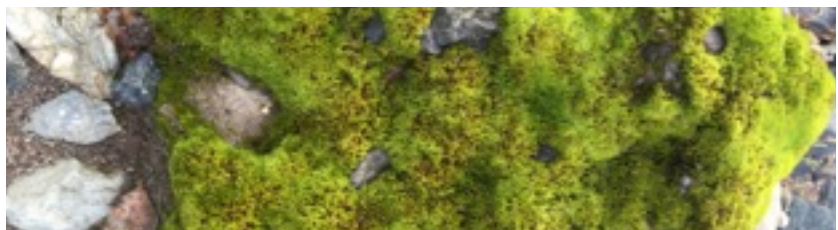


Next Meeting: March 6th!

Don't miss this meeting...the last of the Winter Term! We're going to have another great G.I.F.T. from ABS faculty; hear about Basic Needs Statements; Jeremy Taylor with an RCCEA update; continue discussion about our Goals; the latest Board Meeting; the accreditation report and update; our survey development; In-Service plans; and the upcoming Spring Term. Lots to cover as we continue to grow and expand our visibility on the 3 campuses. Come to the meeting in person or Zoom in from your own work space! We do our best to make it easy to engage.

Table Rock Campus, Room 123c, 10am - noon

Zoom: <https://roquecc.zoom.us/j/8018334781>





Accreditation Report!

If you have not had an opportunity to look over the Accreditation Report that was emailed out on February 20th, you really ought to give it a whirl...

- First, the research alone is incredibly informative and we should give a giant KUDO'S to all that had a hand in the development of this report.
- Second, according to a February 20th email from our President, the NWCCU will be coming for a visit April 15-16. It would be fantastic if everyone were at least familiar with the information in the document.
- Third, if you don't have time to read the whole thing, come to the Rogue Innovation Hub (214 SW 4th St., GP) on March 17th (wear green...and blue!), from 4:00 to 4:50pm.
- And lastly, the information in this Self Evaluation document gives you a holistic window into where we were, where we are, where we need to be, and how to get there. Take a gander! (It's on Sharepoint!)

SOUTHERN OREGON OPEN EDUCATION SUMMIT

...and more from the desk of Tina Weyland, Library Services



Join your Southern Oregon peers April 24th at the **Southern Oregon Open Education Summit!** Sponsored by Open Oregon, this one-day conference on OERs and open pedagogy will include faculty, staff, administrators, and students from Rogue, Klamath, and Umpqua Community Colleges, Southern Oregon University, and Oregon Institute of Technology.

Keynote speaker Monica Brown (Boise State University) will discuss the power of open resources and open pedagogy to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education. OERs are an important promoter of equity, and open pedagogy, with its commitment to honoring students' role in their own learning, offers compelling opportunities to make instruction more inclusive. Other sessions will cover locating relevant open content, advocacy for affordable course materials, and emerging zero-textbook-cost degree pathways.

Registration is free. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and RCC employees will be reimbursed for travel. Adjunct faculty are eligible for a \$150 stipend for attendance. Contact librarians Felishia Jenkins or Tina Weyland with any questions.

April 24, 2020, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm 97 Rogue River Room, Stevenson Union, Southern Oregon University 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR 520 Registration link: <https://forms.gle/xfM5JzJBx2GFj8tM6>



Stay tuned next month for more information on OER's and Open Pedagogy!



This week:

March 2 - 6 is Classified Appreciation Week!!

Please take a moment and thank the Classified workers that work side by side with you on our campuses; that help all of us do our job with less worry; that provide information for us and to us so that we may make informed decisions about our careers; that listen to us, to our questions, to our concerns, to our 'issues' ad nauseam! WE APPRECIATE YOU!!! Thank you for all you and as we enter spring and a much needed break, may you take a moment for yourself, breath easy, and know that you deserve a lovely rest! Namaste! -The Faculty



Virtual flowers for you!
And you never have
to water them!

