

AEM at BCC: An Update

- Fall 2025
- BCC Academic Senate (Nov. 19)
- BCC Roundtable (Dec. 11)
- ZTC Co-coordinators: Heather Dodge, Charlotte Lee, Jenny Yap



Statewide Zero Textbook Cost Program - Background



In 2021, the California Legislature appropriated \$115 million for the CCCs [Zero Textbook Cost Program](#)



Goals: “reduce the overall cost of education for students and decrease the time it takes students to complete degree programs offered by community colleges”

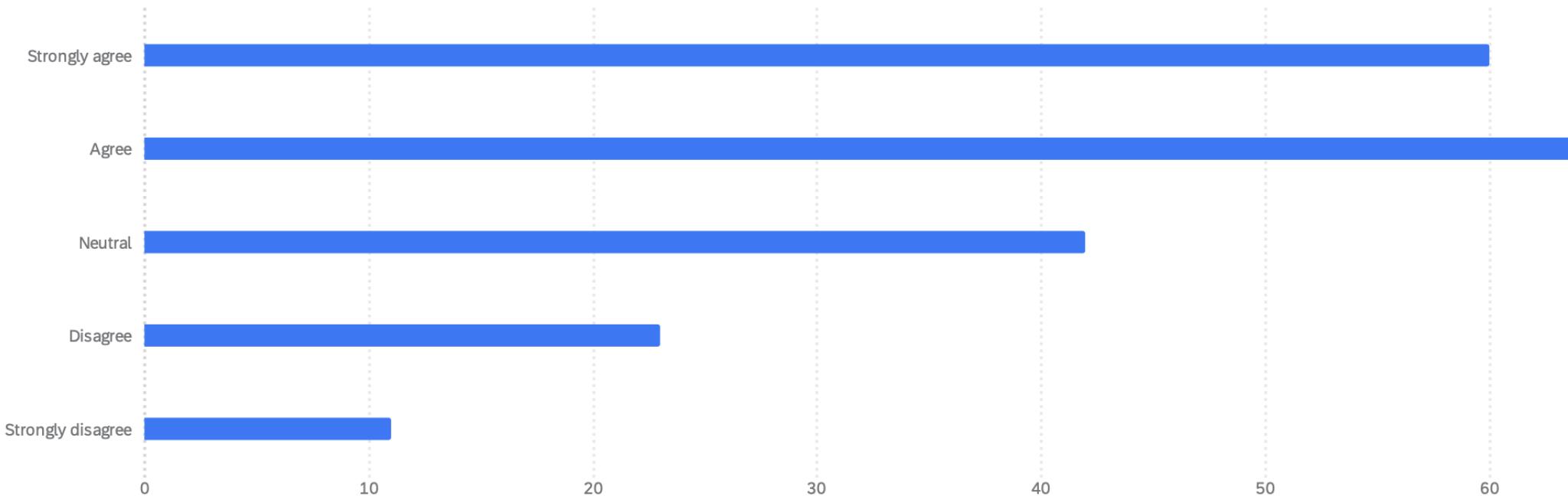


BCC received \$640k through apportionment and applying for grants

Student survey – Spring 2025

Over half of respondents (62%, 124 out of 200 total) agreed with the statement: “The cost of course materials has influenced my enrollment decisions.”

3. Please choose your level of agreement with this statement: The cost of course materials has influenced my decision to enroll in a class. 200 ⓘ



Student responses to high course material costs:

Has the high cost of course materials ever resulted in ...

- **Not purchasing required course materials: 53% (N=105)**
- Dropping a class: 26% (N=52)
- Changing majors: 11% (N=21)
- **Taking fewer classes: 31% (N=61)**
- Getting a lower grade: 25% (N=50)

What progress have we made
at BCC on building ZTC
courses and programs?

Progress on ZTC courses – Fall 2025

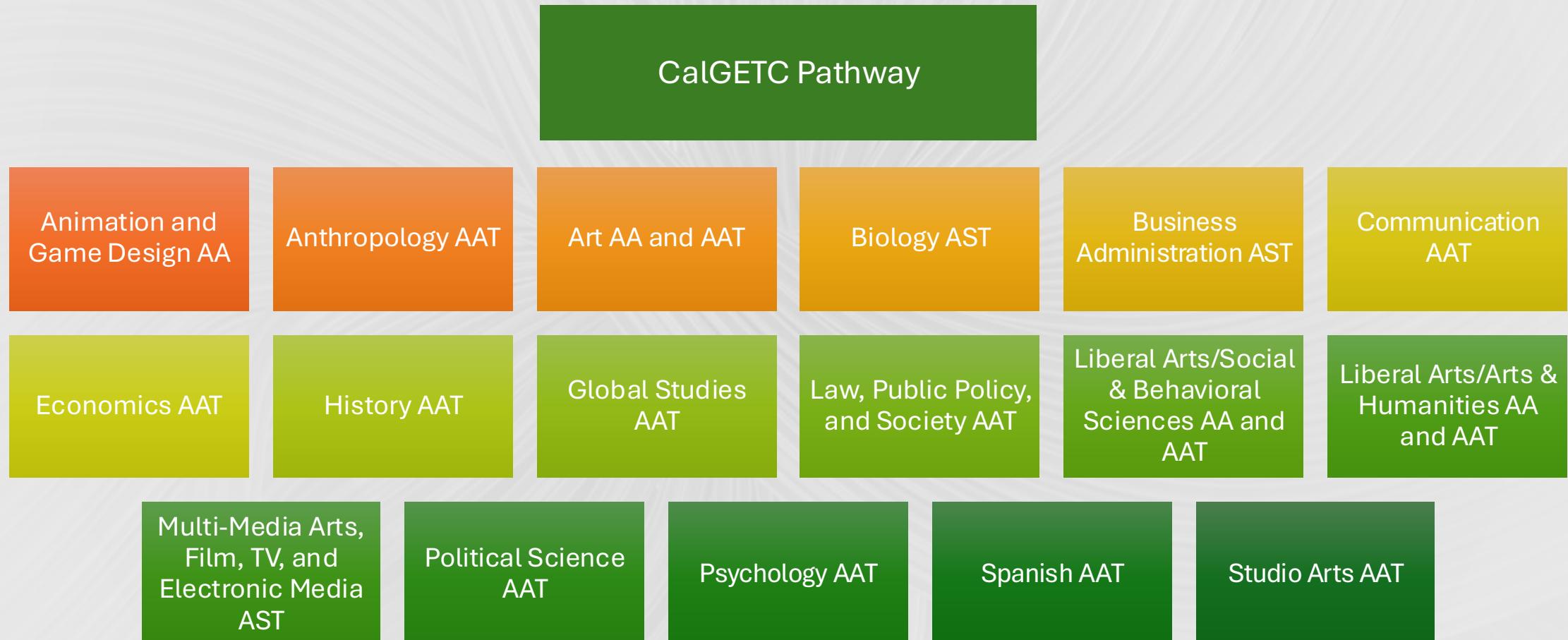
- 40 percent of lectures & labs at BCC were ZTC in Fall 2025
- We need your help with marking your classes in the schedule

Class attribute	Count	Percent
ZTC lecture or lab	250	40%
Low cost (< \$50)	67	11%
None of the above (costs > \$50)	31	5%
No data	281	45%
Total	629	100%

Grant-supported ZTC projects

- Course-level ZTC conversions
 - Completed: ANTHRO 2 (Kies), ART 3 (Martin), BIO 1AL (Yang), CHEM 1B (Gee), ENGL 1A/C1000 (Kauffman), ETHST 1 (Perez), FRENCH 1A (McCormick), MATH 1 & 13 (Chemouni), PSYCH 6 & 21 (Bersamin)
 - In progress: ANTHRO 13 (Kies), BIO 1B (Rush), BIO 4 (Yang), BUS 10 (Langford), COMM 19 and 20 (Jacobs), ENGL C1001 (Ziff & Hoshida), HUMAN 1 & 30B (Ruberto), MATH 3A (Chemouni), SOC 1 (McAllister)
- Joint projects – completed
 - ENGLISH C1000 (Lowood et al.)
 - SPAN 1A/1B (Miranda & Panasiti)
- Creation of ZTC pathways to a degree
 - Major requirements
 - CalGETC requirements

Degrees with ZTC pathways



There's more to be done!

Under construction: BCC ZTC website

Grants still available for:

- ZTC exploratory work through the TLC
- POCR certifications for ZTC courses
- Full ZTC course conversions
- Contact: Heather Dodge (hdodge@peralta.edu) & Jenny Yap (jyap@peralta.edu)

Join the AEM Committee!

- Meets second Tuesday of each month
- Contact: Charlotte Lee (clee@peralta.edu)