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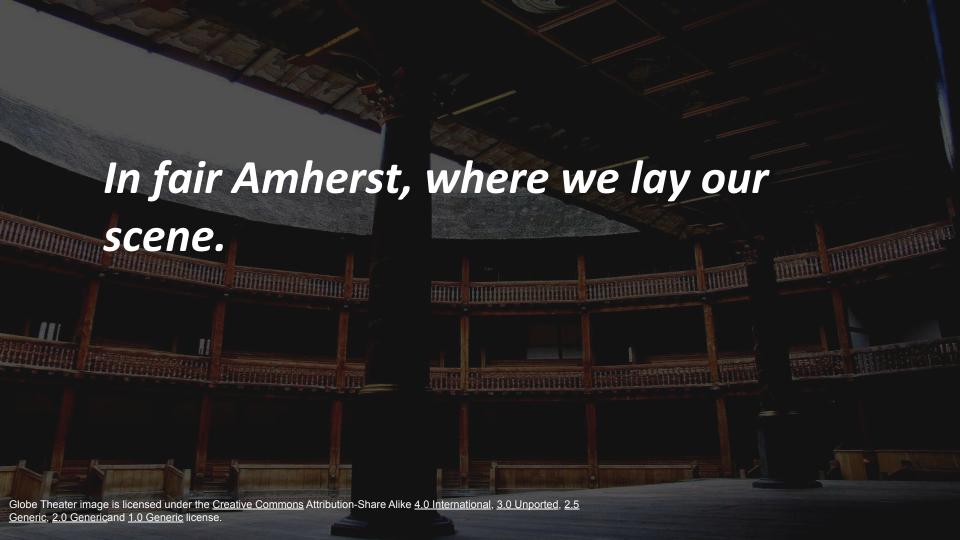
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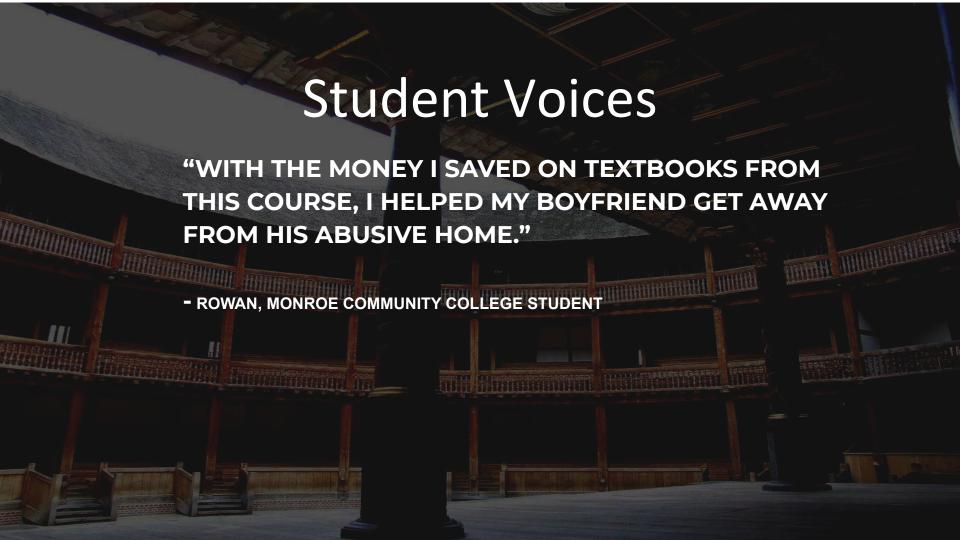






Student Voices

I SPENT \$0.00 DOLLARS ON TEXT BOOKS THIS SEMESTER. I AM THANKFUL THAT MY TEACHER CHOOSE TO USE OER, INSTEAD OF USING BOOKS. WITH THE MONEY I SAVED, I USED IT TO COMPLETE MY TUITION FEES FOR THIS SEMESTER."





- 4 Million to SUNY, 4 Million to CUNY
- Funds targeted for high enrollment, general education courses
- Targeted entire degree pathways



- OER has replaced textbooks in more than
 - 4,000 course sections with enrollments totaling
 - nearly 100,000 students, saving more than a

combined total of \$12.3 million.

Second Year Goals

- The second year of state funding will expand the reach of OER to nearly 8,000 additional course sections with enrollments totaling 175,000 students.
- By the end of the Spring 2019 semester, the initiative will have covered **260,000 students** for a total savings of more than \$28 million.



System Overviews



- 24 campuses
- 272,957 students
- 40% from households with annual incomes less than \$20,000
- 19 undergrad campuses committed to OER

- 64 campuses
- 431,855 students
- 41% are Pell eligible
- 58 campuses committed to OER



Distribution Models



- An RFP call issued within 1 month of the allocation announcement.
- Proposals covered the gamut from straight adoption of an open textbook or course to creating new OER and hiring support staff. The emphasis was on rapid, high impact use of high quality general education subjects.

- \$20,000 to each participating campus
- \$8 per student enrollment for individual OER class sections
- \$15 if every section of a general education course moves to OER



Requirements



- 5 courses to OER with five 5 sections per course
- Share best practices, lessons learned, and provide necessary data
- Summary report for each course with outcomes and designation of the Zero Textbook Cost Course attribute in CUNYfirst

- Maintain redesigned coursed as OER for three years.
- Develop a sustainability model for OER adoption.
- Share OER enrollment information
- participate in the SUNY Professional development program on OER.

Lessons Learned

- On-site, regional professional development events are highly effective;
 faculty want to engage with other colleagues in their discipline
- There can't be too much peer mentorship and central support services
- Many students and faculty still wanted print textbooks and manuals.
- (SUNY) Getting an OER designator into the local campus SIS, then
 into a central reporting pathway to system IR is a two-year cycle.
- Expertise on the ground is essential

Year 2 Wisdom

- \$ distribution will be more strategic, with more options, based on year-one data
- Sustainability plans are a top priority
- Full-time system-wide OER support positions will be in place
- Professional development events will be discipline-specific
- Focus will be on Individualized Learning, Open Pedagogy
- Development of a system-wide printing service continues







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