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OPEN EDUCATION INITIATIVE

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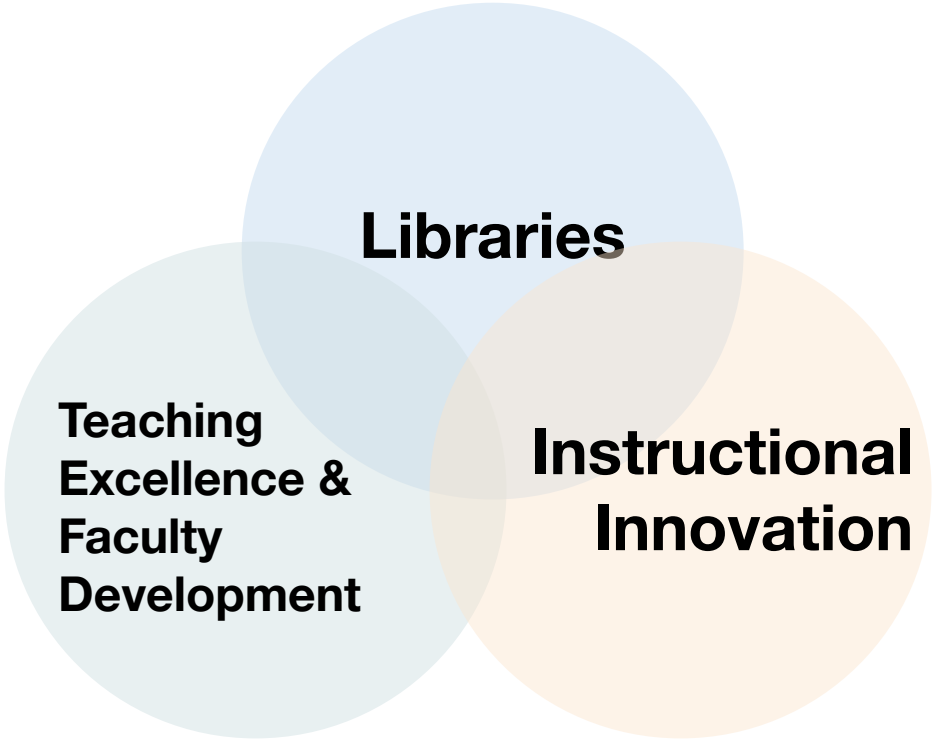
Seeking Solutions

The OEI is a faculty incentive program that encourages:

1. the creation of new teaching materials
2. the use of existing open (free) information resources to support student learning
3. the use of library subscription materials
4. the development of open technologies

UMass Amherst Internal Partnerships



UMass Amherst External Partnerships

Open Textbook Library

REBUS Community

PB PRESSBOOKS
Create Books. Print & Ebooks.

Library OER Website

http://www.library.umass.edu/oer/

Open Education at STCC

Overview

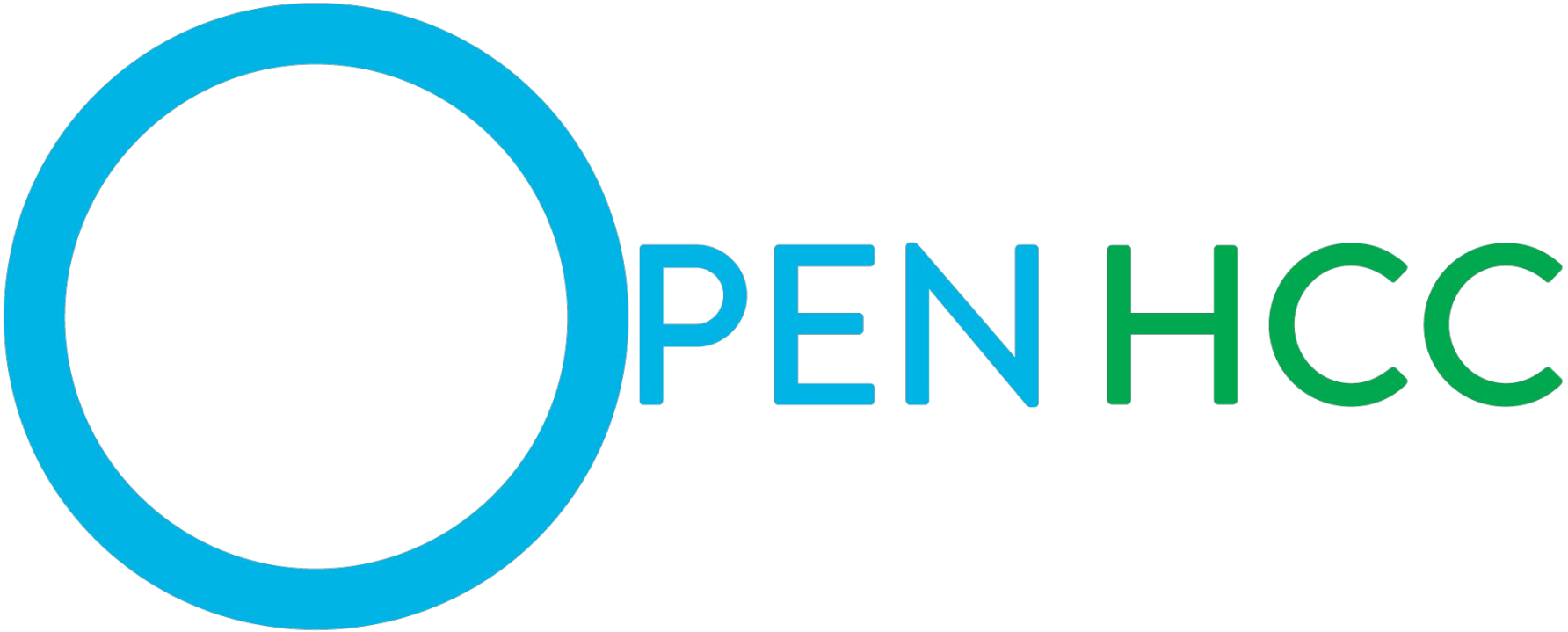
- Initiative began in 2014
  - Led by the library
  - OER Committee includes faculty, disability services, IT, administration, bookstore
- Current savings = ~$150k/year
  - List of courses: libguides.stcc.edu/oer/course-for-students
- UMass inspired from beginning
  - Simmons GSLIS
  - Survey questions, stipend model

Projects

- Massachusetts Community College Go Open Project
  - Started at Northern Essex Community College by Sue Tashjian and Jody Carson
  - All 15 state community colleges working together with shared goal
  - Endless opportunities for collaboration, special projects, teaching, learning, sharing
  - Lasting connections and identified shared interests
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine Grant (UMass Medical School)
  - Goal: Increase access to health sciences education
    - 8 new OER courses (health sciences and pre-requisites)

Why work together?

- Power in numbers
  - Build reputation of sincerity, strength
  - Resulted in administrative support and faculty interest
- Brighter future
  - Moving forward - connect with other institutions in community (non-public)
  - Looking to UMass for ideas and support will always be valuable
    - CC's always value, want to emulate service to community
    - NE OER Summit = perfect example


OPEN HCC

HCC Path to OER

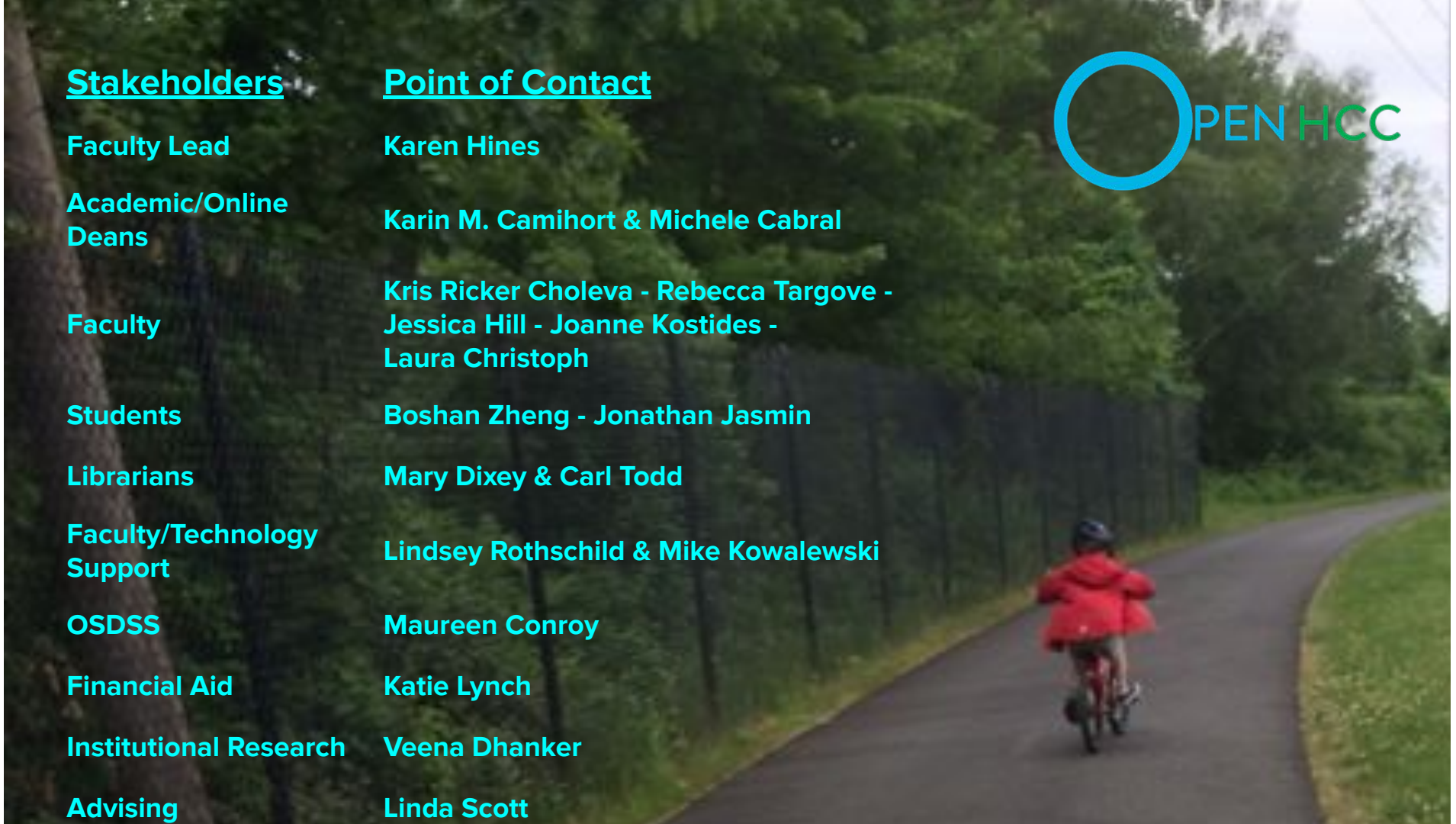
- 2013: “Finding OER Resources”
  Marilyn Billing, UMASS Librarian
- 2013 - 2015: OER adoptions
- 2015 League of Innovators Conference
- June 2015: “How to Develop OER”
  Kim Thanos, Lumen Learning
- 2016: HCC OER Taskforce
- 2016: MA GoOpen Grants

MCC Go Open Initiative

HCC had 9 faculty/courses participate

OER's Alignment with Our Mission

- Faculty-driven global movement
- So much more than "FREE"
  - ➢ Pedagogical freedom
  - ➢ Student Engagement with materials
- Faculty and student-driven movement at HCC



Stakeholders	Point of Contact
Faculty Lead	Karen Hines
Academic/Online Deans	Karin M. Camihort & Michele Cabral
Faculty	Kris Ricker Choleva - Rebecca Targove - Jessica Hill - Joanne Kostides - Laura Christoph
Students	Boshan Zheng - Jonathan Jasmin
Librarians	Mary Dixey & Carl Todd
Faculty/Technology Support	Lindsey Rothschild & Mike Kowalewski
OSDSS	Maureen Conroy
Financial Aid	Katie Lynch
Institutional Research	Veena Dhanker
Advising	Linda Scott

What does OER Success Look Like?

Creating an OER Community

- Increase campus-wide awareness
- Encourage/support HCC faculty to create engaging content, and to move along the OER trajectory from adoption to adaption to creation.
- Continue collaboration/information sharing/resource sharing between campuses.
- Create a faculty OER professional development plan to support further interest and development
- Incorporate OER goals campus-wide

OER Fellowships

- Increase innovation, adoption and collaboration
- Develop courses with learning outcomes aligned to generic syllabi
- Adopt a community of sharing within departments as well as across the institution, the state and throughout higher education
- Current Focus: OER Open Common Courses Fellows

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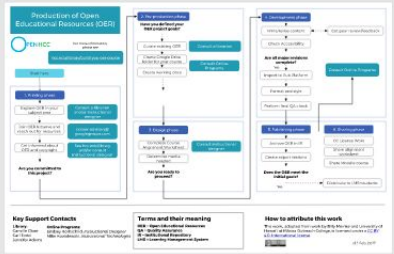
Open Educational Resources

Click Workflow to Get Started



Project Information

OER Taskforce / Campus Action Plan

Meeting Calendar & Events

OER Courses (list your course)

OER Business Degree

Presentations

Build your OER+ course

OpenHCC Resources

Upcoming Events

Lumen Learning

News & Updates

HCC OER Fellowships

OER Efficacy Reports

Join the Conversation

Build your OER+ course

OER Conferences

What does OER Success Look Like?

The Tangibles

- Establish No-cost/low-cost attribute(<$40) in Banner and student-friendly symbol for OER courses
- Assign Faculty Schedules 1 - 2 years out
- Create an evaluation plan to track the effectiveness of the initiative (IR)
- Roll out Business Administration Degree
- Develop and share Open Common Courses

HCC's First "Textbook Free" Degree

Business Administration Mass Transfer

95% developed (1 core classes remaining)

Third largest degree in the college

- 450 students enrolled
- 108 graduates per year
- 80 transfers to four-year institutions last year
- 40 transfers to UMass Isenberg last year

Approximately $2,200 savings per student from pre-OER costs

= 237,600 saved by one year's graduating class

HCC Progress

OPEN HCC

- Taskforce becoming Textbook Affordability Committee
- OER Coordinator - part of library staff
- Fellowships and Open Common Courses -*20 faculty*
- Professional Development - *on campus, regional/national conferences*
- Increase Zero and Low Cost Courses: (SPRING 2017)
  - 48 courses at no cost
  - 48 courses at low cost (<$40)

Open Education at GCC

Context

- GCC has around 1,200 FTE, less than ⅓ that of the other two community colleges
- Last ones on the OER bus:
  - I was hired in 2015 with some vague instructions to start thinking about OER initiatives (and no money for it)

Beginnings

- I met Marilyn Billings in a class during library school at Simmons
- I referenced that session while I was interviewing at GCC
- After starting at GCC, I did an internship in the scholarly communications office at UMass
- As part of that internship, I modeled our first mini-grant program directly after the OEI, with support from UMass

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Programming

- Five rounds of mini-grants:
  - 2016: Open Education Faculty Fellowships (OEFF)

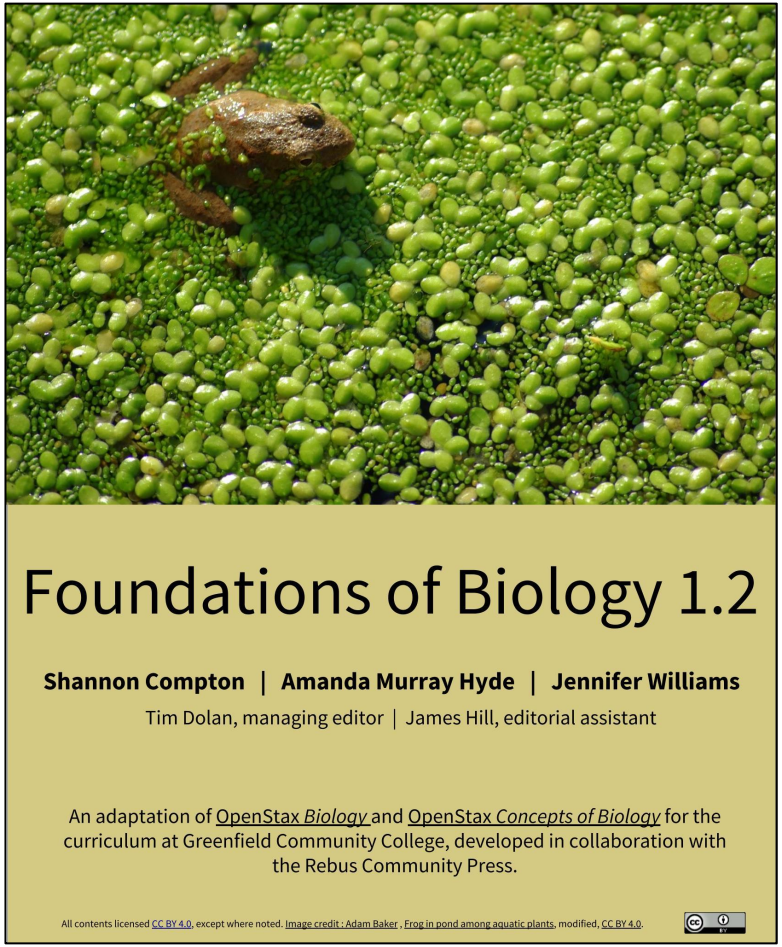
    (10 grants)
  - 2017: 3 rounds of Go Open! funding

    (6 grants, total)
  - 2018: OEFF Round 2

    (Up to 12 grants)
- Something like $250,000 in savings to students so far

Programming

- Most of our faculty adopt existing materials
- One group of biology faculty created a new biology textbook, based on OpenStax material, using PressBooks
- We’re one course away from a Z-degree for liberal arts general



My Takeaways

1. Mentorship is worth the time
2. We're all pursuing the same goal, but different institutions have different roles to play
3. Isolation can be a problem

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