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Proposal Abstract: Learn how OER initiatives at Brigham Young University, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Arizona have progressed from vision to action. Our three campuses vary in size, demographics, institutional culture, and available resources to support OER. Our OER programs are in various stages of progression and we are each taking different approaches. We will demonstrate that there is no “one size fits all” solution when it comes to OER, but there are still important commonalities across our programs. At each institution, the library coordinates OER initiatives and provides leadership. Social justice is an important aspect of each program. Each institution is committed to improving student success and increasing students’ day-one access to course materials. We recognize instructors as the subject-matter experts and are dedicated to academic freedom for faculty. We each belong to the Open Textbook Network too. We will share lessons learned on topics such as raising faculty/student awareness of OER and other textbook affordability initiatives, administering a grants program, supporting faculty adoption and creation of OER, planning OER events and workshops, collaborating with the campus bookstore, working with campus partners to develop buy-in, creating an assessment model, and developing a publishing model. We will be honest about what worked, what didn’t work, and what we would do differently. We invite you to learn from our successes and challenges, and leverage that knowledge to meet your own institution’s unique needs!

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