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Opening Ways
Collaborating Through Common Challenges to Open Education

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Agenda

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- Programs
- Partners
- Experiences

Your Programs

Chat Box: What OER services or programs do you have at your institution?

Examples: Workshops, Awards/Grants, Faculty Learning Communities, Guides on OERs, Publishing Support, etc.

Snapshot of ETSU

- Regional Public Institution
- Johnson City, Tennessee, USA
- Doctoral University, High Research Activity (R2 Carnegie)
- 14,500 students undergraduate, graduate, professional
- About one third first generation

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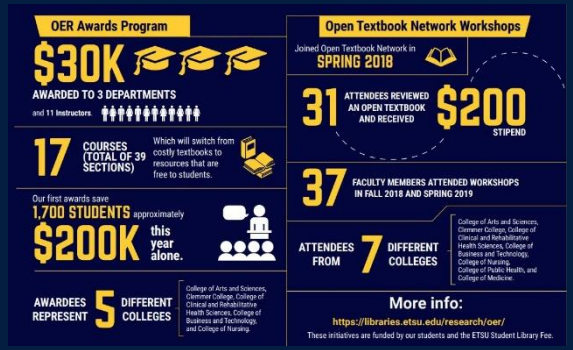
Programs



Pilot Program (2018-2020)

- Open Textbook Network (OTN) Workshop
- OER Awards Program

Current Program (2020 -)

- "Saving Bucs" Workshop
- Open and Affordable Course Materials Awards Program

Pilot Program

OTN Workshops

- Continuously adapted from OTN template
- 79 faculty attendees from 6 colleges
- 58 submitted reviews/received stipends

OER Awards

- Focused on OER: Adopt, Adapt, Create
- Offered stipends and support to awardees
- $56,400 awarded to individuals/departments
- OERs implemented in 31 courses/61 sections
- Saved approx. $280,000 for 1,900 students

*Both funded by the Student Library Fee

Current Program

"Saving Bucs" Workshops

- Supports Open and Affordable
- Includes more local cases and data
- No review stipend

Open/Affordable Awards

- Supports Open and Affordable
- Streamlined, less jargon
- Budget reduction
- Funded by Student Library Fee and CTE/Provost Office

Partners

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Who are our partners?

Students
Faculty
On Campus
Beyond Campus

Partners

Students

Ways we collaborate with students

- Library Student Advisory Council
- Student Government Association
- SGA Resolution on Inclusive Access Working Group
- Student Surveys

Partners

Students

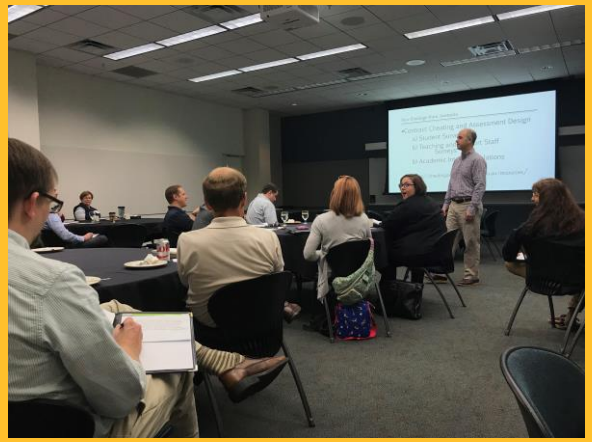
Students Love Open

Students mentioned four specific positives about open/affordable materials in their comments:

- **Cost:** The materials were free.
- **Use or Access:** The materials were available online and had features that enhanced their experience such as searching and highlighting.
- **Content:** The materials were detailed, digestible, and relevant.
- **Pedagogy:** The materials improved the classroom learning experience.

Partners

Faculty



Ways we collaborate with faculty

- Workshops and Programs
- Faculty Learning Communities
- Meetings and Committees
- Individual consultations
- Faculty surveys

Partners

Faculty

Surveys say

Surveys were distributed to faculty who received the OER Award. Over the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semester, we received survey responses from 23 faculty.

- 95.4% of faculty reported that the open/affordable materials they selected were either the same as or better than the quality of the texts in their other courses.
- 95.7% are likely to use open/affordable materials for other courses they teach in the future.
- 54.5% would have implemented OERs in their courses without the incentive of the Awards Program.
- 100.0% of faculty supported continuation of the OER Awards.

Partners

Faculty

Common faculty challenges

- Time consuming to compile and customize materials
- 65.0% reported spending more time preparing for their course(s)than in previous semesters
- Lack of open/affordable materials (including supplementary materials such as assessments)
- Department-level decisions may change the materials for individual instructors

Partners

On Campus

Collaborating around campus

- Administration: Provost, VP for Diversity and Equity
- Staff support: Bookstore, finance, insitutional research, testing center, Disability Services

Partners

Beyond Campus

Collaborating beyond campus

- Global reach of OER itself
- Open Education Network
- State level initiatives and grant opportunities

Your Partners?

Chat box: Who are your partners?

Experiences

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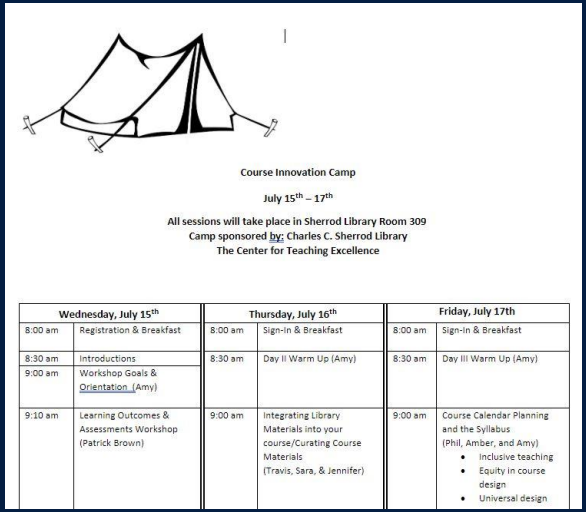
An Open Mind for Open Education

- Open or Affordable? Open AND Affordable?
- Open Course Design
- OER and Equity and Inclusion

Experiences



Course Innovation Camp

July 15th – 17th

All sessions will take place in Sherrod Library Room 309
Camp sponsored by: Charles C. Sherrod Library
The Center for Teaching Excellence

Wednesday, July 15th		Thursday, July 16th		Friday, July 17th	
8:00 am	Registration & Breakfast	8:00 am	Sign-In & Breakfast	8:00 am	Sign-In & Breakfast
8:30 am	Introductions	8:30 am	Day II Warm Up (Amy)	8:30 am	Day III Warm Up (Amy)
9:00 am	Workshop Goals & Orientation (Amy)				
9:10 am	Learning Outcomes & Assessments Workshop (Patrick Brown)	9:00 am	Integrating Library Materials into your course/Curating Course Materials (Travis, Sara, & Jennifer)	9:00 am	Course Calendar Planning and the Syllabus (Phil, Amber, and Amy) • Inclusive teaching • Equity in course design • Universal design

Course Innovation Camp

- Collaboration between Library and Teaching Center
- Summer 2020, three day online event
- Course redesign workshops including sessions on library resources (affordability) and OER
- Situating OER in course design process

Experiences

Library E-Textbooks Pilot Program

- Purchase e-textbooks with unlimited licenses
- Collaboration between acquisitions, electronic resources, and digital scholarship librarians
- Works in tandem with current Open/Affordable Program
- Funded by ETSU Instructional Design Grant and Student Library Fee

Experiences

SGA Resolution on Access Codes

- SGA Resolution: Encourage use of course management system and discourage use of other digital learning systems
- Working group of faculty, staff, students, administrators
- Environmental scan of the issue in the resolution
- Report reinforced need to support Open and Affordable

Experiences

State Grant on OER and Diversity

- Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) grant on OER and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Works in tandem with current OA Program

Questions?

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