The Ease of Growing OER Adoption

Welcome! Our live session will begin shortly at **1pm Eastern Time**.

In the meantime, please open the “**Chat**” to introduce yourself and then enjoy the music!
Zoom Housekeeping

Please keep these in mind during our session today

Chat:
- Use for general convo
- Make sure to send To: Everyone

Q&A:
- Submit questions
- Like or upvote questions

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Welcome and Webinar Overview

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### Agenda

**Objectives**

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<td>To gain insights and recommendations on successful OER adoption from a panel of experts representing a range of perspectives.</td>
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Meet the Researchers

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Introduction to Bay View Analytics

Bay View Analytics offers a comprehensive suite of consulting services in survey design and statistical research. Our services build on nearly two decades of research design, sampling, survey design, and statistical analysis expertise.

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We have conducted higher education surveys for over a decade.

Over 26,000 respondents across 10 reports on OER surveys

All Reports available at BayViewAnalytics.com/OER including K-12
Some Definitions

Open Educational Resources (OER): OER is defined as "teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others." Unlike traditionally copyrighted material, these resources are available for "open" use, which means users can edit, modify, customize, and share them.

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Public Domain: A designation for content that is not protected by any copyright law or other restriction and may be freely copied, shared, altered, and republished by anyone.
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What are the barriers to OER?

- Quality
- Costs
- Digital
- Awareness
- Quality
- Costs
Quality is NOT a barrier

**MEDIAN SATISFACTION RATING OF PRIMARY TEXTBOOK**

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OER textbooks are rated as high or even higher than non-OER textbooks.
Digital is NOT a barrier

Both students and faculty prefer digital materials.

**Students:** I prefer to have more digital materials and digital resources in my courses

- Strongly agree: 32%
- Somewhat agree: 31%
- Neutral: 10%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 20%

**Faculty:** I prefer to include more digital materials and digital resources in my courses

- Strongly agree: 36%
- Somewhat agree: 34%
- Neutral: 6%
- Somewhat disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 20%
Awareness IS a barrier

**Awareness of OER** has steadily increased, but a majority of faculty are still unaware.

![Chart showing awareness levels of OER from 2014-15 to 2019-20](chart.png)

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OER incentives can make a huge difference

“Initiatives” covers a wide range of activities from information sharing to more intense arrangements.
Conclusions

- The largest barrier for OER adoption is awareness – it can’t be adopted if it is not a known option
  - OER initiatives has proven to increase awareness

- Many cited barriers do not seem to be real barriers
  - Cost, quality, and digital-format are on par or better to non-OER options

- One more note: Supporting and training helps
  - Regardless of type of curriculum used, faculty give higher ratings if they received PD for it
Meet the Panelists

Tanya Spilovoy, Ed.D.
Director of Open Policy
WCET

Michael Torrence, Ph.D.
President
Motlow State Community College

Robbie Melton, Ph.D.
Tenured Professor and Transitional Dean of Graduate School
Tennessee State University
OER Initiatives Make a Difference in Awareness and Adoption
GLOBAL

The Recommendation on OER - UNESCO General Conference at its 40th session in November 2019
Federal Level & U.S. Department of Education

**Open Textbook Pilot Grant Program**
- Supports projects at institutions of higher education that create or expand the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students.
- First funded by Congress in the bipartisan fiscal year 2018 government spending bill then renewed annually.
- $24 million has been appropriated for open textbook programs that benefit students across the country.

**Affordable College Textbook Act**
The Affordable College Textbook Act (**H.R.2107/S.1036**) would reduce the cost of textbooks at U.S. colleges and universities by expanding the use of open textbooks.
NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (NCOER)
State and System OER Initiatives

- OERTX-Statewide Repository
- Faculty grants program
- Legislation
- Supportive Legislators
- System Policy
- Leadership at the system and campuses
- Librarians, faculty, students, edtech
State and System OER Initiatives

Legislation
Statewide OER Council
Research/Faculty Grants
Student Support
• Open Education Leadership
• Open Pedagogy
• Student led
• Open Content and sharing
• Community of practice
• Mentorship
• Capstone projects

2021-2022 Cohort
Panel Question 1

What is the most effective strategy you have used to increase awareness and adoption of OER?
Panel Question 2

How have you addressed the most significant barrier to OER awareness and adoption?
Audience Q&A

Please add your questions to the Q&A. You can also upvote a particular question that has already been asked.
Mark Your Calendars

How is the Pandemic Affecting the Future of OER?

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 1-2pm Eastern Time

OER, Part 1: Exploring Open Educational Resources

OER, Part 2: Implementing Open Educational Resources

Cohorts offered throughout the year!

The Three Projected Futures For Open Educational Resources

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 10:15-11am Central Time