

Faculty Forum – Open Educational Resources at UH  
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812% increase from 1978 to 2015

LCC is having a one-week session, and invited KCC to share

National Survey of 2,039 Students (2014):

- 65% do not buy the assigned book
- Nearly half said textbook costs impact how many and which classes they take
- 82% felt they would do much better if the textbook was free, online, and if buying a print copy was optional

Problems for Students

- \$173.00 is the average cost of UHCC textbook
- Some students may wait up to 3 weeks for Financial Aid to be processed
- Delays in textbook online resources
- E-Books often disappear after the semester
- Reduced resale value

OER and The UH

- OER are teaching, learning, and research materials in any medium made freely and legally available that permit anyone to reuse, change, and redistribute.
- UH System, Outreach College, UHCC System
- Outreach College: “Summer Zero-Textbook-Cost”
- OER can be downloaded in e-reading formats, can be read on mobile devices, individual pages can be printed, etc. Please email Sarah Rudder at oer@hawaii.edu
- There is a system wide repository being created at the System level by ITS Office
- UHCC Strategic Plan: Under resourced populations, achievement metrics
- OER Team that was developed to push this forward created a survey and was distributed to all instructional faculty, and requested a response by April 17
- National Institutes of Health – All research from their grants were to be shared publicly to increase access to studies and information that was conducted through tax dollars
- Instructors who use materials and need assistance in making their materials transferred into open access can contact the library faculty for assistance

OER and Other Universities

- British Columbia: <http://open.bccampus.ca/find-open-textbooks/>
- Rice University: <http://openstaxcollege.org/books>
- Community College Consortium for OER: <http://oerconsortium.org/>

How Are Students Benefiting? Preliminary Research

- Tidewater Community College: <http://lumenlearning.com/success-story-tidewater/>

- Tidewater found drop rates decreased after providing OER to students
- OER Evidence Report: <http://bit.ly/oer-rpt-2014>
- The cost and access to new materials is having a positive impact on retention and course completion, and saving money for students

#### Some Things to Think About

- Adopting, Adapting, and Creating
  - o Finding
  - o Evaluating Quality
  - o Licensing and Copyright
  - o Instructional Design
  - o Technology Tools
  - o Editing
  - o Reviewing
  - o Indexing and Abstracting

#### Other Ideas

- Share extra copies of textbooks with the librarians to add to the reference desks
- UH Mānoa Faculty Senate approved a resolution for all their research to be available via OER
- Faculty are in the process of reviewing OER, and currently using Laulima for their classes
- It may be helpful to label zero-cost textbook courses, as Outreach College at UH Mānoa is currently doing
- UH Mānoa Graduate Student Organization will also be making their research available via OER
- OER does not necessarily mean it's electronic. It can also mean that it's a reader that is printed out from a print shop.
- Idea to ask the publisher for the first few chapters of the textbook, to add to the Laulima site, while students wait for Financial Aid awards to be processed

#### How can KCC implement this?

- Share information
- CTEs: Professional Organizations can be contacted for nationwide standards
- UH Mānoa's goal is to implement this Fall 2016
- Collaboration across campus could help ease the transition for all campuses
- 60% of our instructors are lecturers, so they may not have time to reconstruct their class content to adapt to an OER option