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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 StudentsBenefiting? Preliminary Research
- Tidewater found drop rates decreased after providing OER to students
- 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
  - Finding
  - Evaluating Quality
  - Licensing and Copyright
  - Instructional Design
  - Technology Tools
  - Editing
  - Reviewing
  - 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