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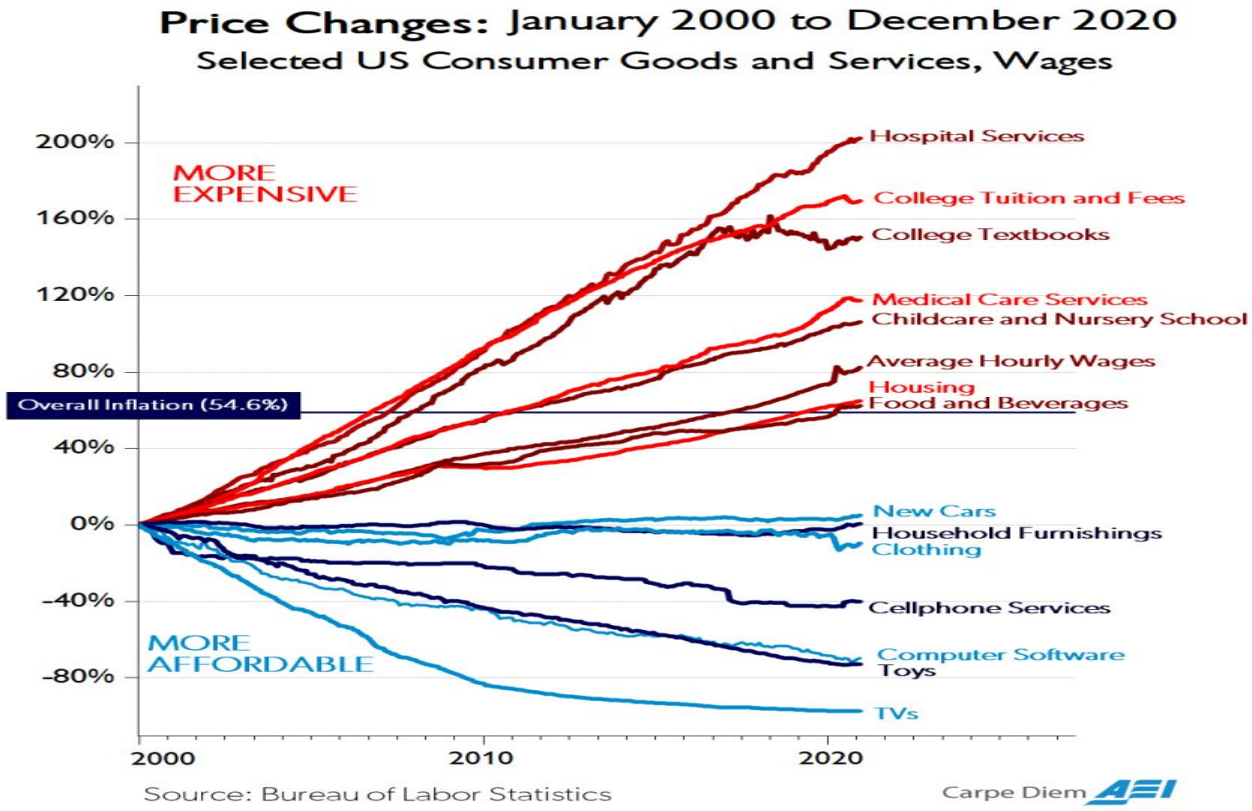
Quick Question

What's your experience with Open Educational Resources (OER), if any?



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FIXING THE BROKEN TEXTBOOK MARKET

- 65 percent of students surveyed reported skipping buying a textbook because of cost
- Students who reported not buying an access code increased from 17 percent in 2019 to 21 percent in 2020
- 79 percent of students reported being impacted in some way by the pandemic
- 10 percent of students reported not having reliable enough internet access to participate in remote classes
- 82 percent of students who reported missing a meal due to the pandemic also reported skipping buying textbooks due to cost

OER EFFORTS AT CPCC

OER Working Group

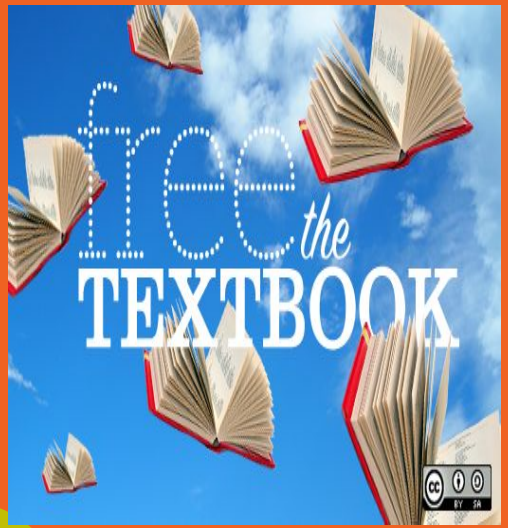
Formed in 2018 from conversations between like-minded librarians, faculty, and staff

Presentations to stakeholders

Outreach to faculty committees, admin units (such as Academic Affairs), and College Cabinet

Connecting with CTLE

Self-paced OER course available Summer 2021; OER Learning Commons in Fall 2021



OER SUCCESSES AT CPCC

BIO 111 and BIO 112

_Using Lumen Waymaker

_Brought costs from $135 to $25

ENG 112

_Currently using a free PDF from Lumen; in the process of selecting a new textbook

_Former text was $80

WORKING WITH ENG 112

Top 20 List

ENG instructors put together a crowdsourced list of the top 20 most-wanted content items they wanted in an OER textbook using Google Sheets

Suggested Titles

We sent back an annotated list with links of possibilities for textbooks, full courses, and other resources; committee is currently reviewing

Campus Collaborations

- Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE)
  - Creating an OER Learning Commons
  - Holding informational sessions
  - Challenges getting attendance
- Grants Office
  - Hoping to provide funding to spur OER at the College

In-Depth Training

- Introduction to OER Course
  - Modeled after Tidewater Community College's course
  - Topics include:
    - Defining OER and Creative Commons licenses
    - Finding open sources
    - Remixing and creating new open sources

Challenges

Faculty Buy-In

- Textbook selection process
- Time to learn OER
- Growing from a small cohort

Administration Buy-In

- Requires support from College administration
- Push for funding
- Making it an institutional priority

LEARN MORE ABOUT OER

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Thanks!

Any questions?

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