Textbook Affordability and Open Educational Resources

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Textbook Affordability and OER at UCF

- UCF Libraries have been actively involved in textbook affordability and OER efforts since 2016.

- This includes partnerships with the Center for Distributed Learning, Faculty Excellence, and campus bookstore.

- Student Success/Textbook Affordability Librarian position was filled in March 2019 with funding by the Provost’s Office.
Student Success / Textbook Affordability Librarian

- Library representative on Textbook Affordability
- Affordable materials advocate and presenter
- Connect faculty to right person for their needs
- Textbook adoption tracking
Options for UCF faculty

1. Replace textbook with a library e-book (Library)

2. Replace textbook with a collection of materials (Library)

3. Adopt an open textbook (Library/CDL)

4. Adapt an existing open textbook or create your own (CDL)
How did this work?

1. Collaborative partnerships with clear roles on faculty support

2. Strong leadership and support from UCF Libraries, Center for Distributed Learning, and Faculty Excellence

3. Student Success/Textbook Affordability Librarian was point of contact
1. Print is out and electronic is in

2. Massive course revisions – and increased interest in open or library-sourced

3. Copyright mayhem

4. Collective effort by all librarians to meet demand
Summer 2020

1. Faculty more intentional in their course revisions
2. Faculty more cost sensitive
3. Summer OER workshop with Faculty Excellence
4. Virtual Labs Task Force with Center for Distributed Learning
1. Instructional challenges are primary focus for faculty

2. Looking to library for just-in-time support

3. Clear need for additional education in OER and copyright
What is the new balance?

How can we be proactive, supportive and sensitive in this environment?
Opportunity for reflection and new strategies for 2021
Questions?