ASERL OER Round-Up: University of South Carolina

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Affordable Learning Options

Open Educational Resources
- Freely available
- Licensed for re-use and repurposing by others

Other Affordable Options
- Library licensed resources
- Reserves and e-reserves
- Online resources (not OER)
University of South Carolina: A (Very) Brief History

- 1801 - Library
- 2008 - Textbook initiative at the library
- 2012 Interest within library
- 2013 OER LibGuide created
  - Few users and little interest in OER across campus
- 2015 Scholarly Communications Team - and we’re off!
Getting started
Setting Goals

- What do we want to achieve?
  - Short term
    - Pass Student Government Resolution
    - Increase awareness
    - Small scale adoption
  - Long term
    - University-wide awareness
    - Large scale adoption
    - Possible full programs available using OER
    - Creation and modification of OER
    - World domination
Involvement

- Assistant ILL Librarian & Head of Circulation
  - Motivation and knowledge
- Scholarly Communications Team
  - Explored interests and idea development
- Communications Department and library liaisons
  - Advertise through multiple sources: Day Times, library homepage, campus newspaper, liaison emails
- Assessment Librarian
  - Help develop and distribute surveys
- Administration
  - Funding
Discover and Customize Free Course Materials
Assessment
Campus and Administrative Outreach
A JOINT RESOLUTION
To Support Open Access and Open Educational Resources at the University of South Carolina

BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Senate

THAT we support open access and open educational resources

AND recommends to the faculty, libraries, and administration to investigate increasing access to open access and open educational resources.
Professors for Student Affordability
Next steps
Tips

- Identify campus needs and bridge the gap to achieve desired outcomes
- Set reasonable goals and expectations
- Collect your resources
- Find your partners
- Constant outreach
- Regularly assess your program(s)
- Don’t become discouraged
Questions?

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