Z-Degree Mississippi

ASERL OER Round-Up — Spring 2018
Program Objectives

• Raise faculty awareness of open educational resources
  • Facilitate discussions about OER on campuses
  • Provide training workshops on course development using OER
  • Increase the number of faculty using OER as their course material

• Increase education access to college students
  • Provide individual courses that don’t require a textbook
  • Offer enough course to complete an entire Associates and Bachelor’s Degree without textbooks costs
Program Description

• **What**: A six-year plan to expand adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) in Mississippi public higher education.

• **How**: When faculty adopt OER for their courses, those courses are tagged indicating that they have “zero textbook cost.” Once enough courses are designated Z-Degree, it is possible for students to earn a degree with no textbook costs.
Program Description

• Funding Sponsor – William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the University of Mississippi Office of the Provost

• Target Population – Teaching Faculty at Mississippi IHL institutions and Community Colleges

• Incentives - $4000 to faculty for course adoption

• Support/Training – workshops and one year access to support from the Lumen Learning
Progress

# OF PROPOSALS
20 60 62

# OF SCHOOLS
6 11 13

# OF COURSES
14 32 53

# OF FACULTY
21 52 47

2015
2016
2017
Results

Estimated Textbook Savings over 3 years
~ $5 Million

Growing Awareness of OER

8 Associate Degrees with zero textbook costs
Benefits of Collaborative Initiative

Networking

STATEWIDE IMPACT

ACTION REQUIRED

SUPPORT
Challenges of Collaborative Initiative

• Communication
• Campus IT
• Course Designations
• Assessment
Future Plans

Expand

Funding

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