

# **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



# SCOER

Discover and Customize Free Course Materials







# Assessment





# Campus and Administrative Outreach





# **Student Government**



# **University of South Carolina Student Senate SBL 106(48)**

## **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



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# 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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