Open Educational Resources
University Libraries and Student Government
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.
Effects on Students

65% of students report not purchasing a textbook because of the cost. Of those, 94% were concerned that not purchasing the textbook would negatively affect their grade.

(U.S. PIRG Education Fund and Student PIRGS)
Students report that high textbook costs have caused them to:

- Earn a poor grade 38%
- Take fewer courses 48%
- Not register for a course 46%
- Drop a course 26%
- Fail a course 20%

(Florida Virtual Campus)
Options for Affordable Course Materials

• Traditional textbooks
• Open educational resources (OER)
• Library licensed resources and reserves
• Freely available resources
Benefits of using Open Educational Resources

• Retain control of your classroom resources
• Few copyright concerns
• Student success
OER Examples

OpenStax  openstax.org
OpenSUNY  textbooks.opensuny.org
BCcampus  bccampus.ca/open-textbook-project
Open Textbook Library  open.umn.edu/opentextbooks
Merlot  merlot.org

Find more OER from guides.library.sc.edu/oer.
Additional Affordable Options

- Freely available materials
- Library-licensed resources
- Reserves and e-reserves
Apply between January 9, 2017 and May 5, 2017
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Library OER guide:
https://guides.library.sc.edu/oer

OER workshop dates:
Sep 29, 2016 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Oct 26, 2016 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Thomas Cooper Library, Level 1 Multimedia Classroom

Presentation Slides:
goo.gl/5xtx9q


