You're a Lifesaver: Using OER to Aid Last Minute Hires

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Motivation for Project - Students



- 66% of students at BYU did not purchase a textbook due to cost (Martin et al., 2017)
- 90% of students at CUNY accessed free materials by the end of the first week of class (Brandle et al., 2019)
- 75% of students at Old Dominion found textbook costs "unreasonable"; least likely to buy books for general ed classes (Wittkower and Lo, 2020)



Figure 1: Price Changes, taken from AEI (2019)

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Motivation for Project - Administration



- Peace of mind knowing a new hire will have curriculum resources available curated by full-time faculty
- Assurances that the book is peer-reviewed
- Helps resolves storage issues no more shelves full of textbooks!
- Assessments are built-in, so they align with state SLOs and are consistent and reliable



A turn-key, fully OER course designed to address all of these concerns

Something for everyone



- Faculty: fully customizable, complete course with links to content assessments - use as you see fit! No need to chase down videos, copy and paste websites - it's already done!
- Hiring Managers: Rest easy that the new hire will hit the ground running with the department created course that doesn't require a book order!
- Upper Admin: all SLOs are linked with the appropriate content, and the course is fully ADA compliant.

Examples



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