“The Best Freaking Thing in the World:” Libraries Solving the Textbook Problem

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As part of San Jose State University’s Ebook Accessibility Project (EAP), 16 major academic ebook platforms were evaluated with the goal of allowing students and librarians to make more informed decisions about which platforms are most accessible and user friendly to students, particularly those with disabilities. EAP was funded by the California State University System’s Affordable Learning Solutions initiative, which works to give faculty and students greater access to quality free and low-cost learning materials.

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Driving Factors

- College textbook prices have risen 1,041% since 1977\(^1\) of 2015
- “Cost of Books & Supplies at SJSU: $1,899/year\(^2\)

\(^2\) Cost of Attendance, SJSU at http://www.sjsu.edu/faso/Applying/Cost_of_Attendance/
AB 798: The Bill

- College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015
- Designed “to reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to accelerate the adoption of lower cost, high-quality open educational resources”
The “A” Team

- Amy Strage, Director, Center for Faculty Development
- Michael Kimbarow, Chair, Academic Senate
- Ravisha Mathur, Chair, Curriculum & Research Committee
$3 Million
Amount to be awarded to campuses in the California State University and California Community College Systems that adopt open educational resources (OER) for use in exiting courses.

$50,000
The maximum award per campus. 100 awards will be distributed among the 136 eligible colleges and universities.
Savings to students must be 30% or more over the current cost of classroom materials.

- A $90 textbook + $30 online = $120
- Switching to a free, open textbook = 75% savings

**BUT**

- A $30 textbook + $10 workbook = $40
- Switching to a free workbook = 25% savings
The Nitty-Gritty

- Current syllabus of the course being redesigned
- Attendance at Orientation Workshop
- Attendance at Workshop #2
- Cohort 2 TEAM Grant Planning
8. How much time did it take you to identify the right ALS materials to utilize in your course?

- 2 hours or less
- 2-5 hours
- 5-10 hours
- 10 or more hours

9. How much time did it take you to integrate these materials into your course? i.e. design, assignments, assessments, etc.

- 0-5 hours
- 5-10 hours
- 10-15 hours
- 15 or more hours
The Wrap-Up

- Student Involvement
- Faculty Recognition Event
- Sustainability