No-Cost Textbook 2023 Project Report

Summary

The Library partnered with 3 instructors to convert 9 course sections being taught in the fall 23 – spring 24 academic year to no-cost textbooks. This will result in an estimated student savings of \$34,687 per academic year. To celebrate the grant recipients' work, Library staff graciously put together a tea-themed celebration for stakeholders and recipients.

Overview



Image: Library, participants, and stakeholders at the 2023 End of Program Celebration

Library faculty worked with three instructional faculty to convert their course from traditional publisher-provided textbooks to OER or library-provided ebooks. The grant program included individualized, one-on-one support for:

- Redesigning their course
- Identifying OER and/or library-provided resources
- Integrating library resources into Canvas

- Copyright and fair use assessments
- Creating transparent assignments
- Usability testing

Converted Sections

Course Name	Number of Annual Sections	Estimated Student Savings per Academic Year
BIOL 191	3	\$11,856
NURS 404	4	\$18,576
PSY 330	2	\$4,255
		Total Estimated Savings = \$34,687

Stakeholders

- Yvonne Tran responsible, accountable
- Lauren Johnson responsible
- Grace Kim responsible
- Alena Manjuck responsible
- Kelly Lutz informed
- Nathaniel King consulted
- Campus community informed
- Gwen Sharp informed
- Grant recipient supervisors informed
- Vickie Shields informed
- Business Office/Office of the Provost consulted

Feedback Highlights

- "Thank you for providing this great opportunity and thank you for the chocolate bar you put in my box."
- "Thank you for providing the afternoon tea yesterday. It was such a nice afternoon break to spend time with everyone."
- "I liked most that I could help students save money and still attend school without that added stressor. I liked that this was a textbook affordability initiative which helped me be more intentional with my course. I liked how engaged Yvonne and Lauren were with the participants and kept weekly check ins so I did not feel alone during this process. I liked the in person afternoon tea with other participants to hear about everyone's success stories."