

OER at UIUC

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June 2020 Provost Committee Course Material Cost Taskforce Report

- **Institutional Priority.** Department chairs can identify Affordability Champions for institutional awards.
- **Faculty Awareness.** All faculty should be expected to know the real costs that students pay for their recommended and required course materials.
- **Financial Incentives.** A grant program to provide faculty financial incentives to adopt or create free or dramatically less expensive classroom materials has proven very successful with aspirational peers.
- **Faculty Training.** Orientation and training on less expensive course materials must be the responsibility of an office with regular seminars and individualized assistance.
- **Student Awareness.** “Course Explorer” should include course material information to guide student choices during registration.
- **Book Order Forms.** The sooner that faculty know the materials they will adopt, and communicate that information to the bookstore, the greater the likelihood that the Illini Union Bookstore can find inexpensive options in the marketplace to meet faculty and student needs.
- **Illini Union Bookstore Services.** We must raise faculty awareness of bookstore services like online ordering with free pickup, customized course pack assistance, Amazon partnership and immediate access email-delivered digital codes.

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\$25,000 Library Strategic Funding Grant

https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/1_knfmxdmy

Currently . . . OER Incentive Grants

Adopt (\$500)

Adapt (up to \$2,000)

Create (up to \$6,000 per professor)

We have funded 4 courses for 2022-2023, which will impact about 2,280 students per year, saving them approximately \$246,770 in textbook costs each year.

Currently in the process of hiring . . .



An OER Librarian as a Visiting Assistant Professor for 3 years in the Library.

