

SUBJECT: Increasing Usage of Open-access Textbooks and Educational Resources

Tactic: Affordability Tactic 2.1.1: Determine and promote methods to increase the use of open-access textbook and educational resources to reduce costs to students. (NOTE: These recommendations also support Tactic 2.1.2)

Background:

Textbook costs in some courses place a huge burden on students, with the 2016 Florida Student Textbook Survey (Florida Virtual Campus) reporting that 53.2% of students spent more than \$300 on textbooks during the spring 2016 term and 17.9% spent more than \$500. Providing faculty the tools they need to increase their usage of open-access textbooks and educational resources is expected to decrease the financial burden on students.

Recommendations:

- 1) Improve adoption of existing OER/eText material through the selection and implementation of an OER/eText catalog tool.
- 2) Implement state-wide PR and marketing efforts to increase faculty awareness as well as coordinate usage, training, and technical support.
- 3) Select and implement a repository tool to support sharing and adoption of new OER.

Supporting Documentation Included: Implementation of Recommendations

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