

# OPEN & AFFORDABLE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## 2022 / 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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The **Open & Affordable Education Committee (OAEC)** supports student access to an affordable, high-quality education by advancing the use of affordable course materials, such as **Open Educational Resources (OER)**, **library licensed materials**, and **Immediate Access (IA) content**. Supported by the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, our team includes representatives from the University Library, ISU Book Store, Student Government, Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching (CELT), Financial Aid, and faculty partners.

### 9,605

students enrolled in courses that employ free materials through University Library Course Reserves.

### 9,454

students enrolled in courses that utilize free Open Educational Resources.

**Approximate savings:**  
— \$553,000 —

### 120,000

student enrollments in courses that use low-cost Immediate Access content.

**Approximate savings:**  
— \$2,028,000 —

## OPEN & AFFORDABLE COURSE MATERIALS CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Programs supported by OAEC members continued to provide opportunities for faculty to save their students money in 2022/2023.

### EXPANDING COLLABORATIONS

The OAEC has coordinated **new support** for faculty who are interested in exploring affordable course material options.



#### Building Better Courses:

Library and CELT staff have partnered to establish improved processes to help instructors who are redesigning courses to leverage the support available through the ISU Digital Press to create and disseminate OER.



#### Providing Access to Content:

Course Reserves and ISU Book Store staff are working together to ensure that students are not charged for materials in course packets that already are or could be made available through the library at no cost.



#### Promoting Student Engagement:

The ISU Book Store, CELT, and faculty recently partnered on a study that examined the efficacy of CoachMe, a new tool which provides embedded practice exercises in student course e-books.

### BUILDING SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Identified as a priority in the ISU Strategic Plan, **three proposals** from OAEC members received full or partial funding to support the sustainability of our programs.



**Update the Student Booklist system to present course material requirements more clearly in Canvas**



**Create a Data Dashboard to show the impact of open and affordable course materials across campus**



**Improve the ISU Digital Press to promote the creation and use of OER that supplement open textbooks**

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

We're excited to increase campus-wide **knowledge of our initiatives**.



The OAEC plans to implement more professional development opportunities and forward-facing communications that will showcase the work we do. Building competencies among faculty and keeping students informed of ongoing efforts to make their college experience more affordable will raise the profile of our work and engage with a wider audience.