Affordable Learning Solutions

for CSU Students and Faculty

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"MULTI-YEAR COMPACT BETWEEN THE NEWSOM ADMINISTRATION AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY MAY 2022"

INCREASING THE AFFORDABILITY OF A CSU EDUCATION:

- The Administration and the University share the following goals to increase the affordability of a CSU education:
 - CSU will reduce the cost of instructional materials by 50 percent by 2025, saving CSU students \$150 million annually compared to a 2019-20 baseline:

Affordable Options for faculty/students

- Open Educational Resources (OER) free
- Library materials including some etextbooks free
- Bookstores
 - Inclusive access, opt out deeply discounted low cost
 - Flat-fee low cost
 - Rentals / not digital
 - Used books / not digital

Faculty Choices

- Is there OER that addresses the learning outcomes of my course?
 - OpenStax
- Do I want to create my course materials/OER?
 - Libretext
 - Pressbooks
- If no, how do I get a digital textbook deeply discounted?
 - Via bookstore Inclusive access
 - First Day Access, Digital Access,
- Is my campus doing anything with bookstore?
 - Flat-fee models

Critical Communications Planning for Your Campus's Inclusive Access / Flat-Fee Programs

- Place a Footnote in the course schedule
- Post messaging on the LMS and on the course syllabus
- Faculty are apprised of the Opt Out process and asked to make the students aware of the future Opt Out date
- Bookstore emails to students at the start of class and 48 hours before the opt-out period ends (last day to add/drop the class)
- FAQ page set up on Bookstore website:
 - Example at SDSU: www.shopaztecs.com/immediateaccess (View student savings here, too.)
- Opt out email set up:
 - Example at SDSU: optout@aztecmail.com
- Help Desk Phone Number
- After the opt-out period a POD will be made available to students who remain in the program
- Cashiers Office will charge the students once the opt-out period ends then will transfer those funds (less a transaction fee) to Bookstore.
- Shared by SDSU. Point of Contact: Ben Compton, SDSU Aztec Shops,
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Challenges with Inclusive Access

- Digital course materials integration into the LMS shared by CSUSM
 - Via LTI
 - https://www.csusm.edu/iits/services/ats/idesign/canvas/requestforms/index.html
 - https://www.csusm.edu/iits/services/ats/idesign/canvas/requestforms/plugins.html
 - Into a course
 - Student access on the first day
 - Bookstore provides the digital access technical support and coordinates with the publisher.
 - Campus Help Desk should be made aware of the integrations and a point of contact at bookstore.

Get Involved

- Affordable Learning Solutions Campus Coordinators
 - Join the committee
 - https://als.calstate.edu/campus contacts

Get to know the course materials people in your bookstore

Get to know your OER librarian if you have one or two

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