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All Hands on Deck: A Multipronged Approach to Connecting the Kean University Community with Open Educational Resources

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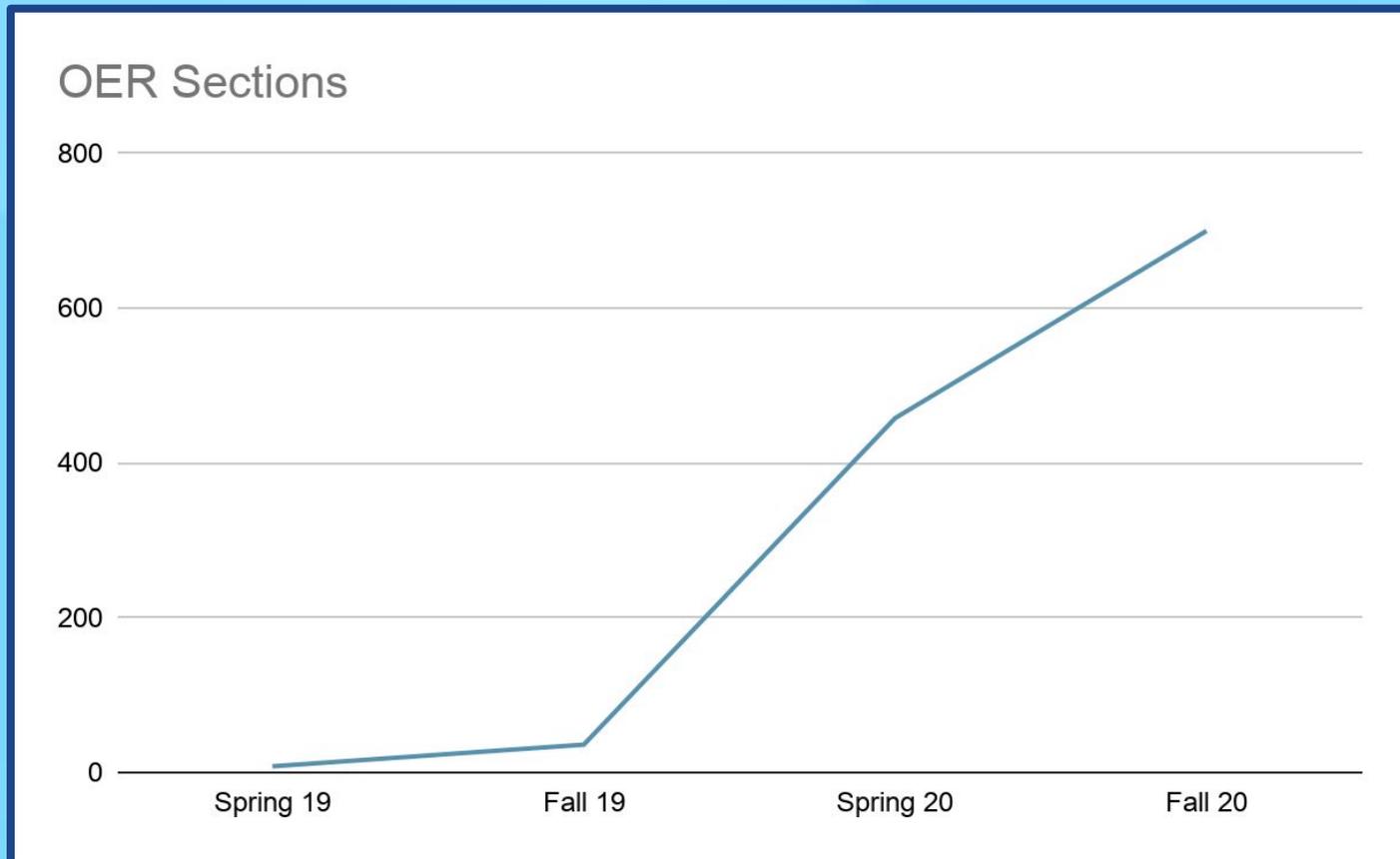
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Overview of OER Adoption at Kean University

- Started our efforts in Fall 2018 -



Overview of OER Adoption at Kean University

- Administration is working with faculty to develop and implement OER
- OER Taskforce was created to enhance the efforts
 - OER sub-committees were created for each college in 2020
- Digital Commons is implemented

Future

- 50% of the sections will not require students to purchase a book (Spring 22)
- OER Conference on March 29th and 30th (Official Invitation will be sent)
 - Dean Rajagopal from MIT will be the Keynote Speaker

Overview of OER Adoption at Kean University

How are we doing it?

- By providing support (workshops and consultation) to all faculty and staff
- By collaborating and getting guidance from faculty
- By making resources available to faculty
- Updating digital resources
 - Making resources available in multiple languages
- Updating Website

OER Student Task Force

- **LEaP program:** The “Learn, Earn and Persist (LEAP) Scholarship,” - “provides funding to students entering their second year at Kean who have a GPA of at least 3.0 but a gap between their financial aid and their total student bill. LEAP students also give back to Kean by completing a work-study assignment.”



- **Research:** Students were tasked with researching OER for subject areas related to their college, and to assemble these into spreadsheet format for ease of access.
- **Liaisons:** Students were asked to act as liaisons between their school and the learning commons for the purposes of OER research.

Faculty Support for OER and No-Cost Resource Identification

Kean faculty started integrating open educational resources into their courses in Fall 2018. The Learning Commons supported this effort by providing:

- OER Training Workshops -- Fall 2018 to the present, Director of Digital Information Resources
- Individualized OER Training Consultations -- Spring 2020 to the present, Librarians
- Two OER Presentations -- October 19-26, 2020 (*Open Access Week*), Director of Digital Information Resources, Librarians

Student Outreach for OER through Blackboard

All current Kean students and faculty are “enrolled” in the LEARN “course” in Blackboard. The LEARN module provides:

- Videos, tutorials, handouts, etc. meant to support student development of information literacy, media literacy, news literacy, and related skills.
- Access point for an OER LibGuide.
- Information about student publishing opportunities in *Kean Quest*, a peer-reviewed, open access student journal.
- Schedule of online workshops.



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Discussion / Questions

- How do you encourage your faculty and students to utilize OER resources?
- Have you experienced challenges in implementing OER at your own institutions?
- How do you encourage your faculty and students to publish their own work under Creative Commons licences?



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