OVERVIEW

- Minnesota State hired a .5 faculty OER Librarian to provide a centralized point of contact for the 33 colleges and universities. They also funded a .5 Library Technology Librarian to support faculty with PressbooksEDU and the Opendora repository.
- Minnesota State's federally funded Open Textbook Pilot project offers six core Teacher Education courses modularly aligned to national Teacher Education standards. Faculty can access course materials, activities, and assessments by specific standard, curating their own unique, accessible, equitable, and tech forward course that meets their state's teacher certification requirements.
- The Minnesota State Legislature funded a Minnesota State ZTP project that will support the creation of Creative Commons licensed course materials, activities, and assessments aligned to course outcomes within Transfer Pathway agreements.
- The University of Minnesota Twin Cities Libraries hired a full-time Open Education & Affordable Content Librarian, and "Course Materials Services" was rebranded "Affordable Learning & Open Education."
- The University of Minnesota Twin Cities & Duluth Libraries established the Partnership for Affordable Learning Materials OER incentive grant program.
- The MN Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum (MPCC) project generated standards aligned courses for the 4 core content areas of English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies in grades 3-12.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Minnesota State has funded development of 10 z-degree (zero cost for materials) projects, saving students over $6.5 mil per year. Eight campuses are in process of developing Z-Degrees.*
- *UMN's OER incentive grant program awarded 15 proposals for 2023-24, including 5 textbook creation projects.*
- *Using AI tools like ChatGPT and Claude to add another layer of resources for teachers using these materials.*

NEXT BIG THINGS

- *Minnesota State has opened up Z-degree funding opportunities to universities and will initiate a Z-Degree Transfer Pathway*
- *UMN-TC, along with Northwestern University and Penn State, secured an IMLS planning grant to investigate Open Homework Systems.*
- *Use of AI to incorporate layers of accessibility, diverse perspectives, SEL friendly language and support materials (study guides and quizzes, etc.) for the K12 Audience.*

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP

Use this space to talk about how MHEC could best support your capacity efforts.

As is the challenge with so much OER, awareness is a barrier. Helping to get the word out about these resources and bringing in new partners can help continued development of these resources and ensure that they remain an important resource for teachers and students.