General Updates From the Open Source Textbook Committee-What have we done?

We created a survey with 480 responses! Got information of majors, textbook costs, and textbook costs per unit

Can use that to effectively market resources and strategy to the depts that need it the most

See which colleges are affected

Senator Mitchell gave a presentation of different kinds of creative licenses that we can use to lobby professors

Started research on what motivates professors to choose pricey publishers, established paper trail with how textbooks cost that much

Collaborated with the creative media unit to create a graphic to tell students what other options are available to them for low cost textbooks

Set up a meeting with the AS lawyer to talk about the legality of the creative licenses that we are using and if it is possible to lobby for them

Reached out to CALPIRG for institutional support, was able to compile literature on their organization’s knowledge of open source textbooks

Able to get more info such as an infographic on what open source textbooks are

Can use their institutional power to garner more support

Did some collaborative work with SIRRC- planning a Senate and SIRRC book drive collaboration

Also talked about the possibility of making the book bank its own entity