

Open Educational Resources Working Group

Terms of Reference

Background

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching resources that are free to use and openly licensed for reuse, redistribution, and adaptation. The use of OER benefits students, faculty, instructors and staff; adoption, adaptation, and creation of OER reduces financial strain on students and improves access to education. OER can be adapted to context and co-created with students, which facilitate participatory, innovative, and locally relevant teaching providing opportunities for creativity.

Purpose

The purpose of the working group will be to:

1. Facilitate OER use, adoption, adaptation, and creation at the University.
2. Gather information about OER work across campus divisions and stakeholder groups in order to pool and coordinate expertise and resources.
3. Develop strategies to increase use and contribution to open affordable learning materials placing OER in the landscape of high-quality educational resources.
4. Prepare periodic reports on the state of OER understanding and adoption at the University and make recommendations for further steps.

The Working Group will meet monthly and is expected to review its mandate two years after inception. The Working Group will report to the Vice-Provost Advisory Committee through the Vice-Provost (Libraries).

Membership will include at least one representative from

- University of Manitoba Libraries
- Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning
- University of Manitoba Bookstore
- Copyright Office
- Faculty member representation from the faculties of Arts and Sciences
- Campus Manitoba
- Office of the Vice-President Indigenous
- Indigenous Learning Hubs Manager
- UMSU
- UMGSA
- Co-chaired by Associate University Librarian, Instruction & User Services & Director, Centre for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning