OER Initiatives in Canada and at McGill

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Sample Canadian OER Initiatives

*=central campus initiative, #=library initiative, +=teaching, learning unit initiative, ^=department

UBC

- Open Educational Resource Fund: Grants to adapt/use OERs as well as projects to promote OER use, development, and awareness*
- List of OER champions*
- Extensive toolkit for creating OERs+
- Series of events during Open Education Week to promote OERs #+
- Contributions to OERs are recognized in promotion and tenure guidelines (p.14, 18, 48)*

University of Alberta

- Website promoting OERs*
- OER grant program *
- Open Education campus interest group*
- Hosted OER Summit +^

Ryerson

- Hosts open textbook publishing software PressBooks, offers training#
- Created Ryerson Open Textbook Authoring guide #+
- OER grant program #

McGill Initiatives

SSMU

2017: Funded a position to research textbook affordability/OER activities on campus

2018-present: Funded student positions to create 'textbook mappings'; locating open content that mirrors the content of common textbooks used on campus. See examples here.

2020-present: Created formal position, OER Coordinator. Position responsibilities include OER advocacy, conducting a research project, and supervising students conducting textbook mappings.

Library

- Course Reading Service, including a newly-launched pilot Course pack linking service. Under this service the Library will "attempt to obtain electronic copies of items not owned, or will attempt to obtain copyright clearance for those materials not available electronically."[add footnote]
- Maintains Open Textbook guide ; accepts McGill-authored OER textbooks in open repository eScholarship
- Works closely with SSMU and supports its OER initiatives.