

OER Symposium  
Synthesis of Morning Breakout Session Notes  
April 26, 2019

*Question 1: What did you learn in the first presentation that surprised you?*

**Major Themes: Surprises from Keynote**

- Rising textbook costs and impact on students
- Adaptability and creativity of OER
- Creating a framework of justification for adoption
  - Social Justice
  - Equitability

*Question 2: Where have you found information about OERs? What information would you like to see in future?*

**Major Themes: Information Needs**

- Better sharing/ more consistency across OER resources
  - Metadata/Standards
- Infrastructure/Procedures for
  - Adoption
  - Vetting
  - Sharing
- Want increased trust in the quality of OER materials

*Question 3: What do you think your community can do to encourage the adoption of OER? Are there ideal attributes an OER can have that would help it's adoption?*

**Major Themes: Adopting OERs**

- Student voices
  - As advocates and creators
- Change institutional culture
  - Admin buy-in
  - Faculty support
  - Library support/roadmaps for adoption
  - Funding/Incentive: grants, tenure, promotion
- Information sharing collaboration
  - Case studies
  - Workshops