

## **WKU Libraries Affordable Textbook Initiative Sisterhood Grant Midterm Report**

In November 2019, the WKU Libraries Affordable Textbook Initiative (ATI) Team (Laura DeLancey, Sean Kinder, Tony Paganelli, Todd Seguin, and Roxanne Spencer) invited WKU faculty to apply for an ATI grant. The ATI Team received 23 applications and scored each on four criteria: savings (anticipated student savings per course section), enrollment (preference given to courses with high enrollment), frequency (preference given to courses taught multiple times per year), and presentation of ideas. We selected ten faculty members to receive a \$1,500 grant. Grant funds will be awarded in the fall once the affordable textbook alternative is in use.

Grant recipients met one another and were introduced to the library team at a kickoff lunch on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. We used \$360 of our awarded funds for the lunch. CITL hosted the first of three planned workshops via Zoom on April 16<sup>th</sup>: “Teaching Without a Textbook.” We have postponed the other planned workshops in response to COVID-19, and instead members of the ATI Team will consult with each grant recipient individually.

### **Grant recipients:**

Our 10 grant recipients represent every college, and will use a variety of textbook alternatives: some plan to adopt Open Educational Resources, some will incorporate library resources (e-books, videos, and journal articles), and at least one plans to write their own open access textbook.

2020 ATI grant recipients:

<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>
Scott Bonham	OCSE	Physics and Astronomy
Dorothea Browder	PCAL	History
Reagan Brown	OCSE	Psychological Sciences
Jacob Byl	GFCB	Economics
Christopher Groves	OCSE	Geology and Geography
Andrew Head	GFCB	Finance
Anne Heintzman	CEBS	School of Professional Studies
Carnetta Skipworth	OCSE	Chemistry
Dana Sullivan	CHHS	Social Work
Toni Szymanski	CEBS	School of Teacher Education

### **Savings:**

We estimate that the \$15,500 grant will save our students \$47,567 in the first semester alone. If the grant recipients continue to use their affordable textbook alternatives in spring 2021, total savings increase to \$74,650 for the 2020-20201 academic year. (Estimated savings based on past enrollment and average textbook cost for each course).