

How to Establish an SGA Open Education Award on Your Campus

A *detailed* supplemental handout to a poster presented at the 2018 Open Education Conference

Condensed Handout: <https://tiny.utk.edu/2tEfy> | Poster: https://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_libfac/6/

1. ENVISION: Establish the Award

Build student awareness.

Takeaway: Identify (or create) regional opportunities for OER outreach directed to Student Government Associations (SGAs) and build from there.

What we did at UT:

- Participated in existing educational efforts in our region.
 - SEC Academic Collaboration Workshop, Texas A&M University, 2015
 - Workshop theme: “Developing Partnerships to Advance Open Access Initiatives at SEC Universities”.
 - UT SGA representative and UT librarian attendance; included student-specific sessions and shared working meetings.
 - SEC Student Government Exchange, University of Florida, 2016
 - Annual summer workshop included presentation by UF librarians on open textbooks and other forms of OER.
- Continued conversations upon return to campus.
 - Began with SGA meeting attendance; focused on background education and question-and-answer discussions.

Set direction through examples.

Takeaway: Students may not know how to direct their energy to advocate for OER. Providing examples of legislation, grant opportunities, etc. may be welcomed.

What we did at UT:

- Directed students to SGA award legislation in [TAMU’s open repository](#).
 - Students created their own legislation with a call for such an award at UT, and the Libraries offered to help organize the awards. The awards have not been officially established through legislation. UT SGA will continue exploring this option.



Tip: If legislation is passed, encourage SGA to share with appropriate administrators.

Timing: From awareness to legislation may take 1-3 years.
