

Education Technology

Proposed Concept #2

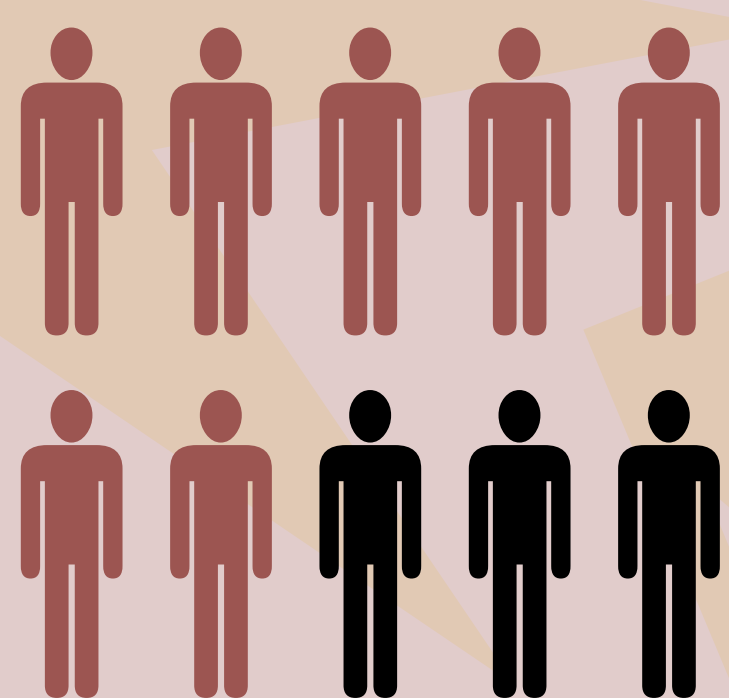
Develop a comprehensive strategy to increase awareness and development of e-textbooks and Open Educational Resources (OERs).

Current State

MnSCU institutions are at a competitive disadvantage in developing and offering programs that rely on OERs, which are less expensive and can save students money. Textbook costs are rising dramatically, reducing access and success. E-textbooks created in multiple formats have limitations unless students, faculty, and staff have devices that support them.

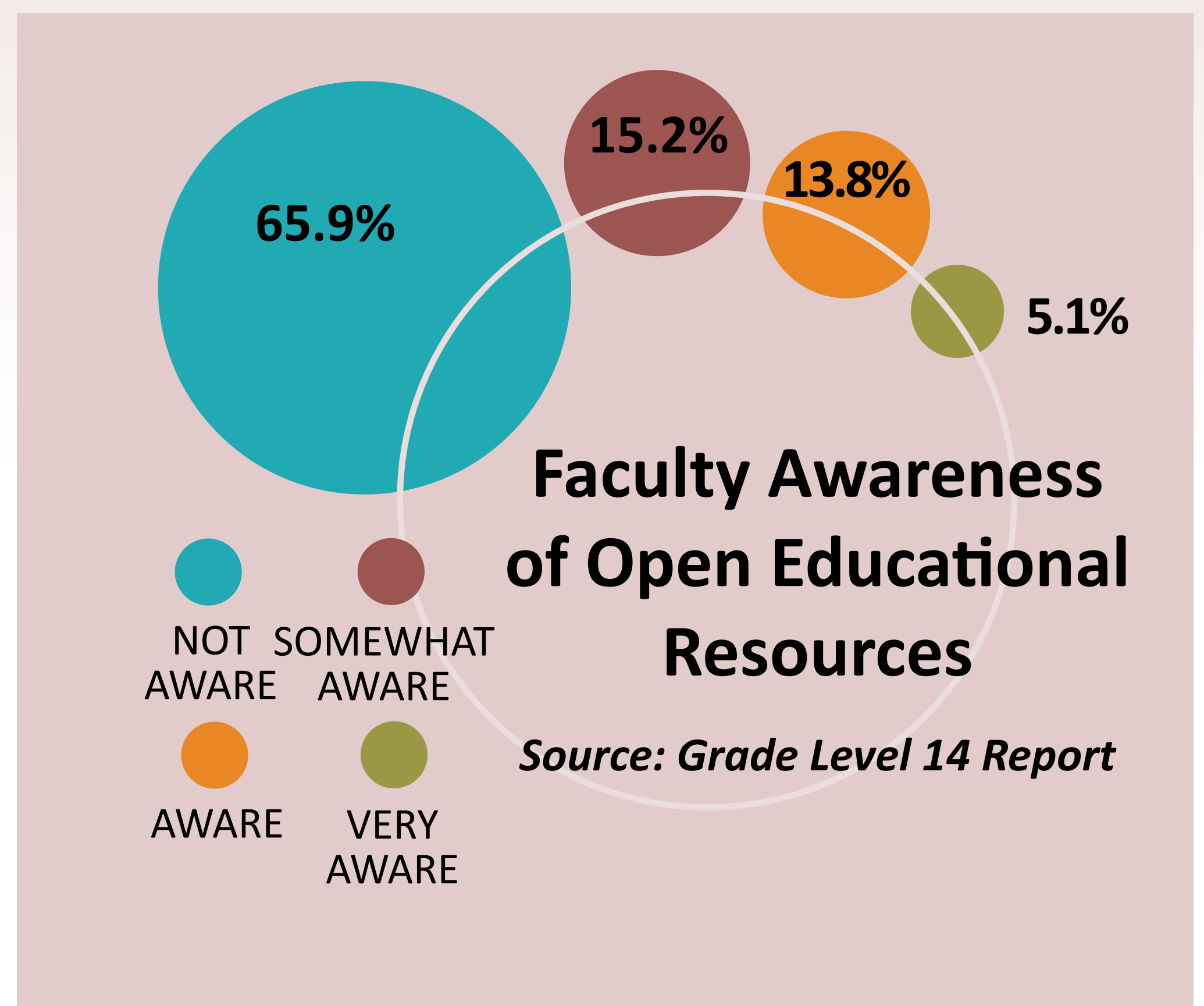
Desired Future State

Faculty would be able to more easily select quality OERs through an expanded inventory of optional resources which are more affordable and useful to students. E-textbooks offer greater accessibility for students.



Seven out of every ten students surveyed didn't buy a required text due to the cost.

Source: A Barrier to Learning: How Rising Costs Stand Between Students and Their Textbooks (www.studentpirgs.org/textbooks/documents/2011-textbook-survey.pdf)



Benefit to Students, Faculty, Staff, and Beyond

- Students will see lower costs while using resources that are interactive, timely, and flexible.
- Faculty will continue to maintain control over their course content and curriculum while saving time by selecting more affordable resources.
- Staff will have more options to engage students and assist with student success initiatives outside of the classroom.



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