WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

UNIVERSITIES OF WISCONSIN

OVERVIEW

Wisconsin Technical Colleges - WisTech Open

- $3 million provided by State for Wisconsin technical colleges to scale OER (2023-2025)
  - Lobbied for by the Wisconsin Student Government
  - Potential Impact: 35,000 students/$5.2 million cost savings
- Annual WTCS OER Student Impact (2023): 63,137 students | $7.4 million
- Wisconsin Open Education Symposium and OER 101 provided for faculty development

Universities of Wisconsin

- Universities of Wisconsin Strategic Initiative for Student Success
  - All campus OER convening (May 2023)
  - AACU Institute for OER Action Team (July 2023-June 2024)
- "E"ffordability Summit 2023 hosted by UW Stout

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Wrap-up of $2.5 million Open RN Project/Open Textbook Pilot grant (WTCS)*
- *Established formal OER programs at several colleges (WTCS)*
- *Action Plan for expanding OER adoption at UWs beginning with an Campus OER Survey*
- *Completion of an OER pilot project at UW Eau Claire; OER Librarian position at UW Green Bay; Self-paced OER training at UW Milwaukee and a comprehensive campus OER plan at UW Stout*

NEXT BIG THINGS

- *Meet deliverables of WI OER funding (WTCS)*
- *Advocate for sustained OER funding (WTCS)*
- Establish OER capacity at the local college level (WTCS)
- Toolkit for training and sustaining UW faculty OER Adoption
- Shared UW OER Publishing and Repository solutions

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP

- *Continue to research best practices in open education (ie Course Markings)*
- *Explore long-term publishing solutions*
- *Support for grant writing*