

Title: *The Student Voice - Perspectives on OER Today and into the Future*

Abstract (500 word limit)

Students are often at the center of what motivates faculty, institutions and systems to dedicate resources to initiatives designed to increase adoption of Open Educational Resources (OERs). Case in point is the \$8 million that New York State has provided annually to SUNY and CUNY over the past two years “to expand an open educational resource initiative that helps to reduce, and in some instances, eliminate the costs of textbooks for students.”*

This panel will highlight the student voice by bringing together faculty and students from both the SUNY and CUNY systems to share and discuss how OER has impacted positively on their teaching and learning experiences. Each faculty-student pair will briefly present on their work over the prior year, which will include analysis of both cost savings as well as impact on student learning, looking at measures such as final course grades and completion rates. Students will provide short vignettes related to the data analysis to bring the data alive and highlight the impact OER has had on both their academic and personal lives.

Following these brief presentations from the panelists, faculty will facilitate a discussion with the students regarding strategic issues related to scaling and sustaining use of OER in the future. Topics for student reaction and commentary will include use of course fees to support OER initiatives, role and importance of print materials vs. digital, suggestions for increasing speed of OER adoption, and the role of student government associations in advocating for OER use. Additional topics and questions will be gathered via an open Twitter call prior to and during the panel session.

* - See <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy19/exec/agencies/appropData/CityUniversityofNewYork.pdf>

Track: *ROLES: The Role of Students in Advocating for, Supporting, or Sustaining OER Adoption and Use*

Format: Panel Presentation (50 minutes)

Presenters:

Dr. Tori Matthews

Assistant Professor, Biology
Monroe Community College

Alana Bearden

Student
Monroe Community College

Dr. Sarah Hoiland

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Hostos Community College (CUNY)

Miriam Rodriquez

Student
Hostos Community College(CUNY)

Ann?