

Open Education Resources (OER) create equity.

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Background

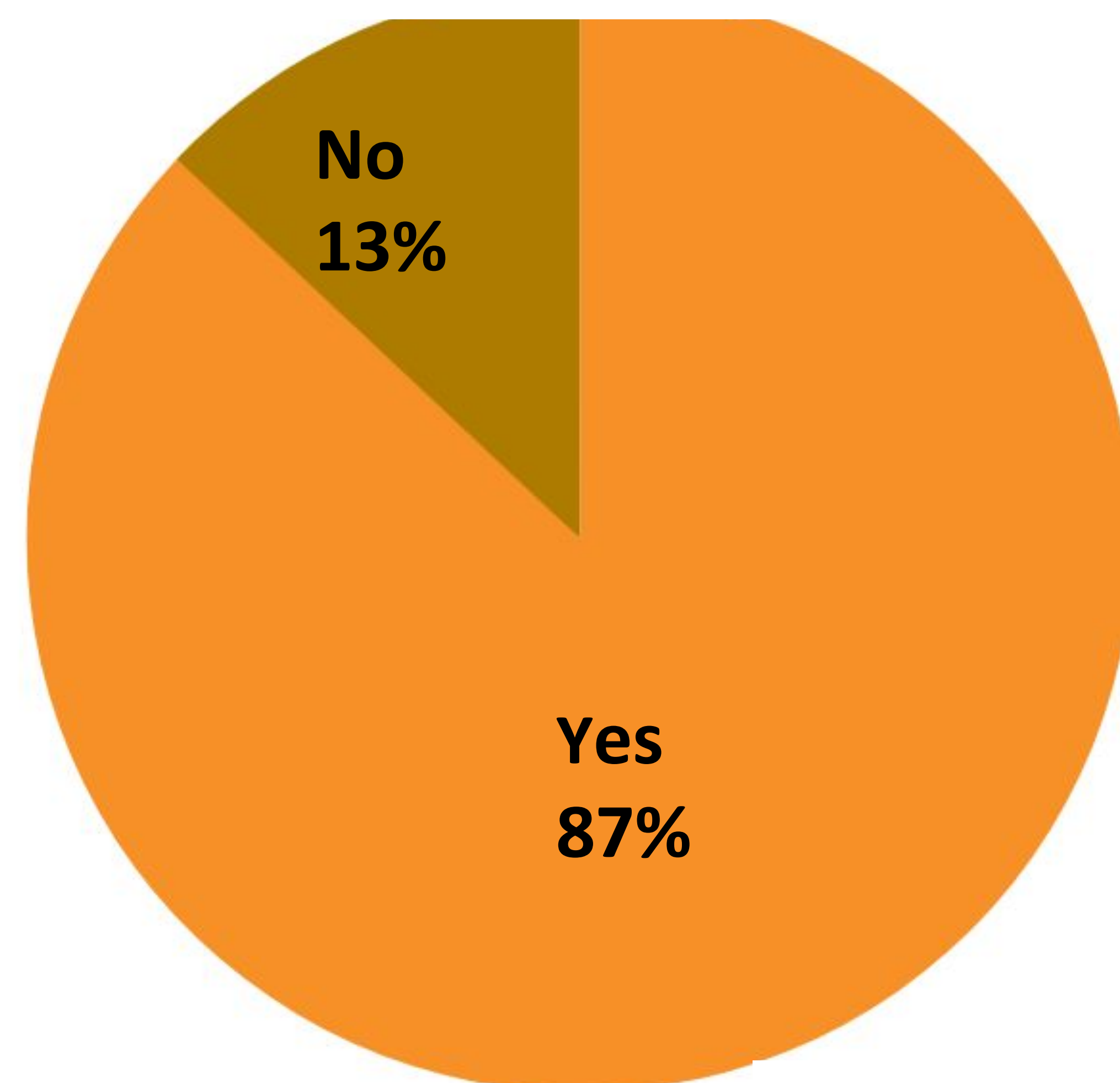
PROBLEM: Steadily rising cost of textbooks over past 20 years, prices have risen four times the rate of inflation over the past 20 years (Jenkins et al., 2020). Unaffordable for students. Issue of Equity.

AFFORDABLE SOLUTION: OERs

- FREE for students. Easily accessible for all.
- Digital & print formats, including textbooks, modules, tests, and software. Single lesson to a complete online course.

In an informal survey, UNE students spent between \$200-500 on Spring 2022 textbooks.

Have you ever not purchased a textbook because of cost?



(n=154)



Importance of OER

- Fight rising cost of textbooks.
- Improve quality of available educational materials.
- Drive innovations in teaching.
- Share, collaborate and participate.

Myths about OER



OER Top Ten Myths (Grogan, 2019)

Where to Find OER

Visit library.une.edu - to view our faculty webpage on *Affordable Course Materials*

Examples of OER collections include:

- OpenStax College
- Open Textbook Library
- MERLOT II
- OER Commons
- EdX, Khan Academy

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Pirated like a normal person.
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Student Survey Participant

Help students avoid copyright infringement & Share more material that meet your course objectives.

Let's do this!

Students who do not purchase the book do less well in the class. We want to change that!

Meet with your library liaison to talk about OER for your courses. Together we can improve the UNE student experience by **creating equitable access to course materials.**



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References

