

The Library as OER Publisher: supporting OER creation on campus



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Open Education at KPU

7 Zero Textbook Cost programs; 700 courses

Faculty are top adopters of Open Textbooks in Canada

3 levels of institutional OER grants and many successful BCcampus grants

Library as Publisher



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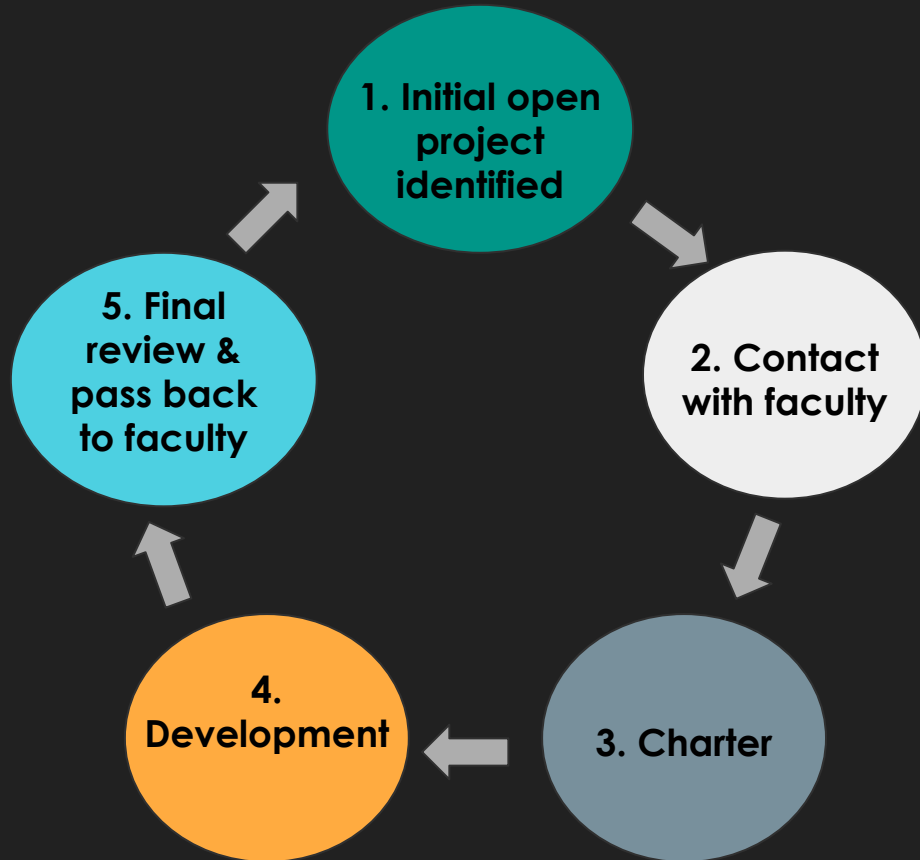
Publishing support through
Pressbooks, OJS, IR

Started small - institutional grant to
test concept and establish workflows

Quick takeup led to pulling existing
resources from areas with
decreasing use (i.e. ILL)

Additional BCcampus grants that
allowed for expansion

Initial Workflow



Projects can be initiated by instructor or library

Each project has a **Charter** - manage expectations!

Each project has a Library lead

‘Open’ email queue for support

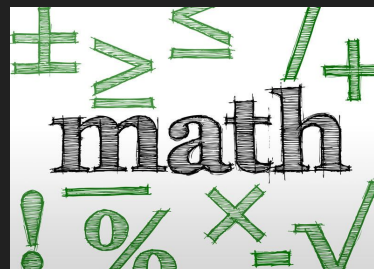
Some surprises



Editing &
Copyright support



Interactive
Content



LaTeX

$$\frac{\text{learning curve}}{}$$

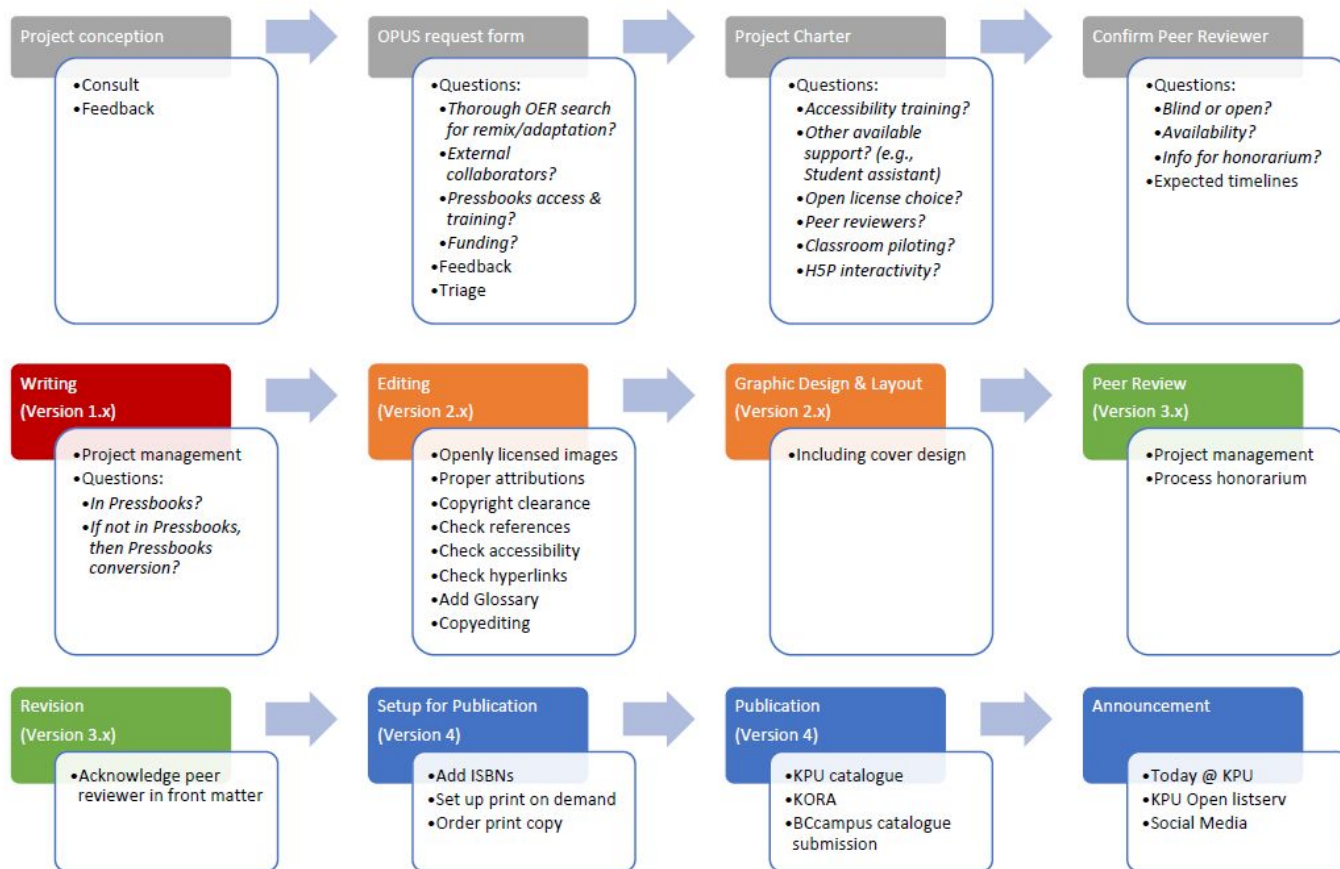
How are we Adjusting?

- Adjusting workflows as the service evolves
- Adjusting roles of library technicians when possible
- Creating new or refreshing old internal partnerships and relationships
- Education role for copyright and publishing
- Formalizing the Service :
 - business plan,
 - part of library's strategic priorities,
 - improved tracking on projects for grant applicants
 - KPU Pressbooks instance,
 - Expanding service to include peer review, cover design, ISBN, POD

Open Textbook Publishing Workflow

OPUS

KPU's Open Publishing Suite



Questions to consider

- Will you have the human & technical capacity to work on these projects?
- Can you manage **content that is interactive and iterative** and projects that are variable in scope and staffing needs?
- Are there areas where work is decreasing & you can repurpose staff time?
- Who are your partners?
 - for us, Open Education Office, Teaching & Learning Commons, Learning Centre
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- To what will you say 'no'?

Thank you

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