



Channel Islands

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Provost

March 1, 2019

Dear Dr. Kennedy,

Please accept our request for funding for the Affordable Learning Solutions Initiative at CI.

We have had great success with the funding we received the past three years. As you know, we are excited to have made significant impact with program-level efforts through the development of the first CSU Z-Major's in Communication and Early Childhood Studies, with a third Z-Major in Health Science launching next fall. Faculty have saved students over 1.5 million dollars, with additional spring savings to be calculated. With 17 faculty participating in the openCI Ambassador 2.0 program this year, and the opportunity to build intentional connections with basic needs efforts, the students remain the focus of openCI efforts.

We continue to have two faculty members, Dr. Jaime Hannans and Dr. Jacob Jenkins as the ALS Coordinators. They are working collaboratively with our Teaching & Learning Innovations team to save students money on textbooks and increase the use of Open Educational Resources at CI. Along with T&L Innovations, Dr. Hannans and Jenkins will continue to collaborate with the library, basic needs efforts, and other stakeholders across campus to build support and provide faculty with the necessary resources to decrease textbook costs at CI. After laying the groundwork for a strong initiative, and the development of a white paper outlining the specific needs of CI's student body, we are well poised to continue our efforts.

Specifically, we aim to:

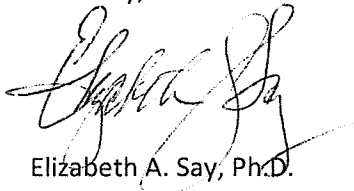
- Continue to support and educate faculty on how to reduce textbook costs and increase the number of AL\$ course adoptions
- Explore and identify options for additional z-major options
- Collect data about general education course materials
- Determine the benefits of OER by educating faculty, exploring and discussing the pedagogical benefits of OER, and continuing to build and share resources
- Assess and evaluate student perceptions related to textbook cost, OER, and benefits/challenges to success specific to the CSU Channel Islands campus population

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- Explore faculty publication opportunities aligning with openCI efforts

Accomplishing these goals will situate us to support individual faculty and academic programs in their effort to reduce the cost of textbooks at CI.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth A. Say". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

Elizabeth A. Say, Ph.D.
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CSU Channel Islands