Houston Community College
ZDEGREE
Zero-Cost Textbook Program

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Houston Community College System:
OER Program

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Thank you, Texas.

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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Texas is making strides in OER at the state level:

- SB 810 – Course Tagging requirement
- OER Grant Program (2018) $200,000 for individual faculty grants
  - 3 HCC Faculty received grants:
    - Economics, Biology, Philosophy
- Texas State Libraries and Texas Digital Libraries: building a statewide OER consortium

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Slide 2

OPEN WASHINGTON
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES NETWORK

OhioLINK
Ohio's Academic Library Consortium
An OH·TECH Consortium Member

Affordable Learning Georgia

Z-DEGREE

OpenOregon Educational Resources

OPEN Textbooks

SUNY

OER services

ZTC

TheOrangeGrove
Florida's Digital Repository

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OER at HCC

- 2007 – 2015: Decentralized work on OER
  - Individual faculty publish textbooks through Connexions
  - OER LibGuide awarded "Outstanding Site" from Open Education Consortium
- Spring 2016: Beginning coordinated efforts to start Z-Degree
- Spring 2017: Kinder Foundation donation for Z-Degree in Business Administration
- Summer 2017: OpenStax Institutional Partnership Program
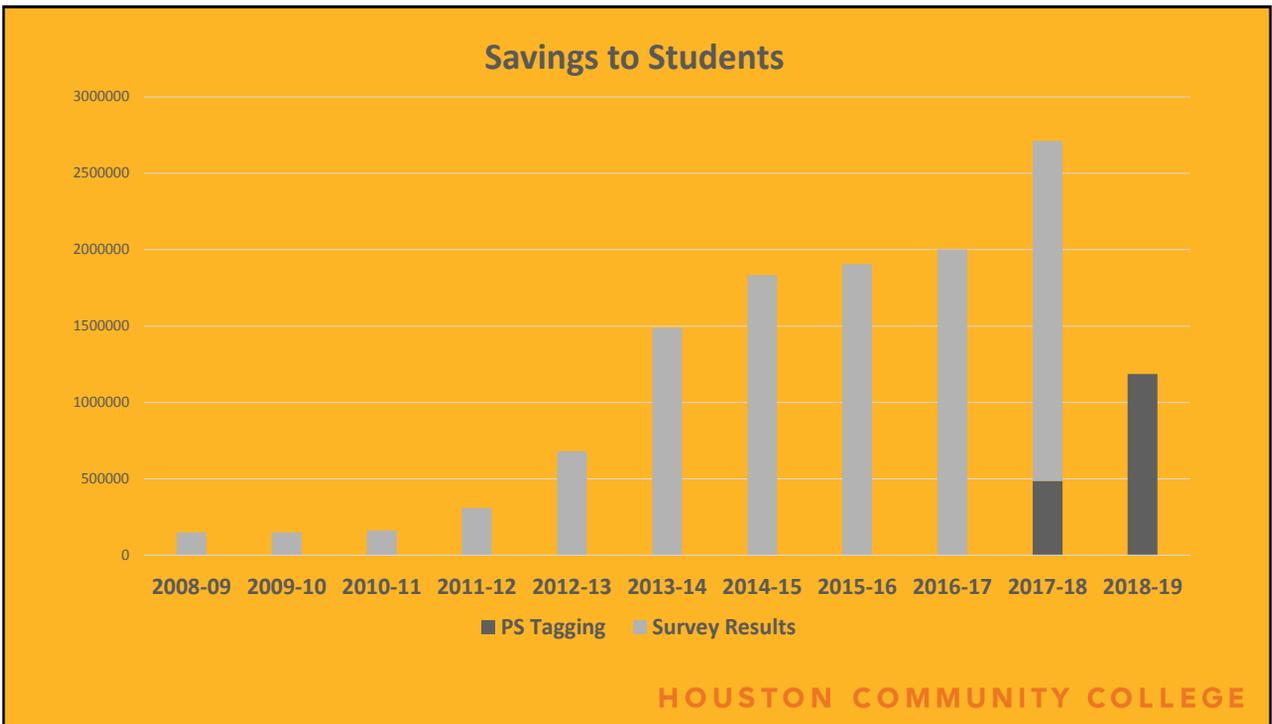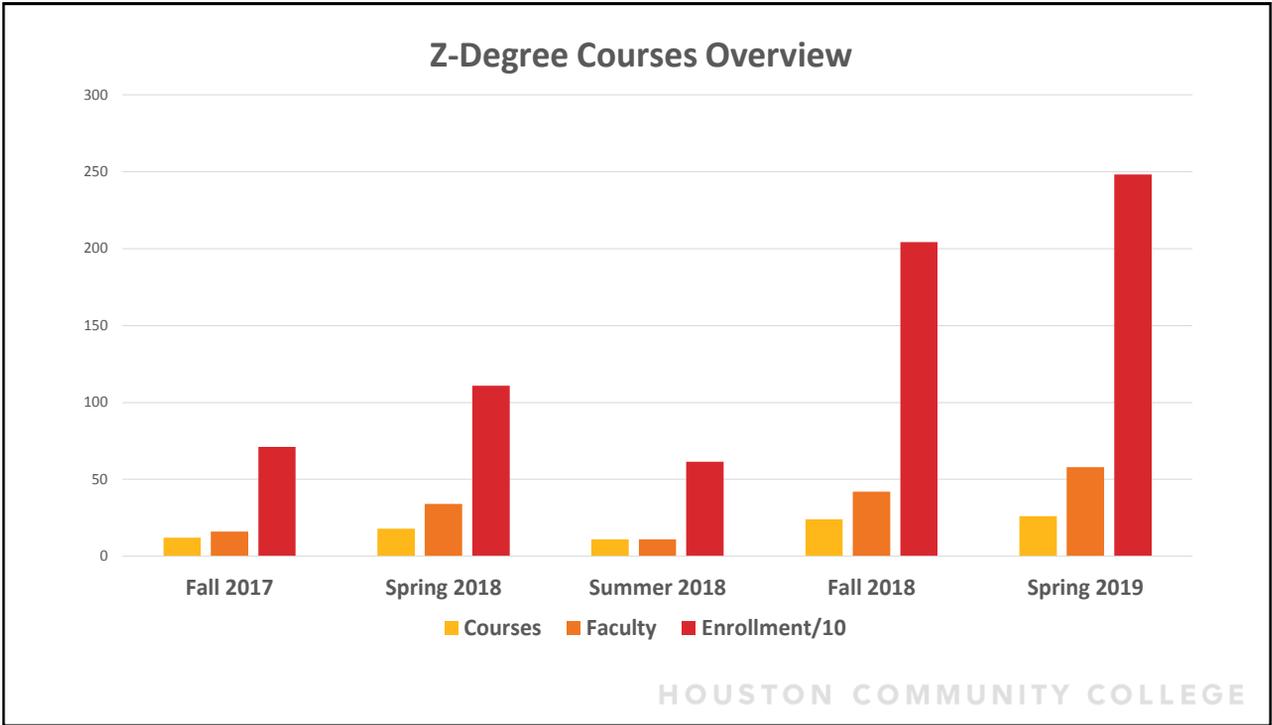- Fall 2018: Launch of Z-Degree program

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OER Programs at HCC

- Z-Degree Program:
  - Three current degree pathways:
    - AA, Business Administration
    - AA, Multidisciplinary Studies
    - AS, Multidisciplinary Studies
  - Zero-cost Core Curriculum at 9 largest campuses by 2020
  - Structured schedule of classes, M-Th, plus online options
- OER promotion and increasing adoption
- OER Training Certificate Program
- OER Course Certificate Program
- Stipends for Creation, Adaptation, and Updates to OER Content
- Course Tagging in the PeopleSoft Student Schedule (Low-Cost Books and Zero-Cost Books)

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Z-Degree Courses Overview

Legend: Courses, Faculty, Enrollment/10

Categories: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

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Savings to Students

Legend: PS Tagging, Survey Results

Categories: 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

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Next Steps

- Improve OER offerings in Dual Credit
- Continue to expand Zero-Cost and Low-Cost Books offerings:
  - Z-Degree is currently at 4 major campuses
  - Looking to 9 campuses by 2020
- Develop, update, and improve content
- Assess outcomes for students – what is the impact of OER on enrollment, retention, success, persistence, and completion?

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Questions?

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