

A Continuum of Funding Models for OER?

K-State Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative

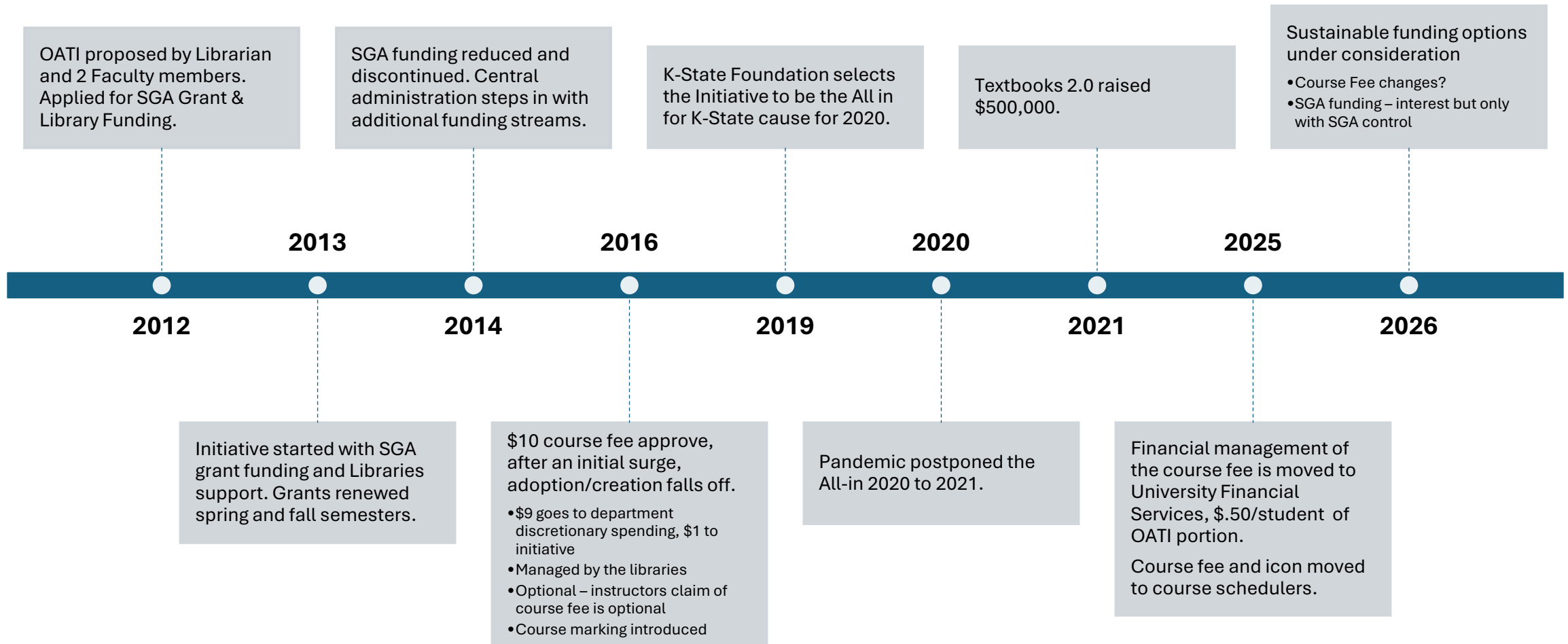


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Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative Timeline



2026 Financial Support

Library

- Librarian

- Pressbooks

- LibreTexts (institutional page)

Students

- Course Fee

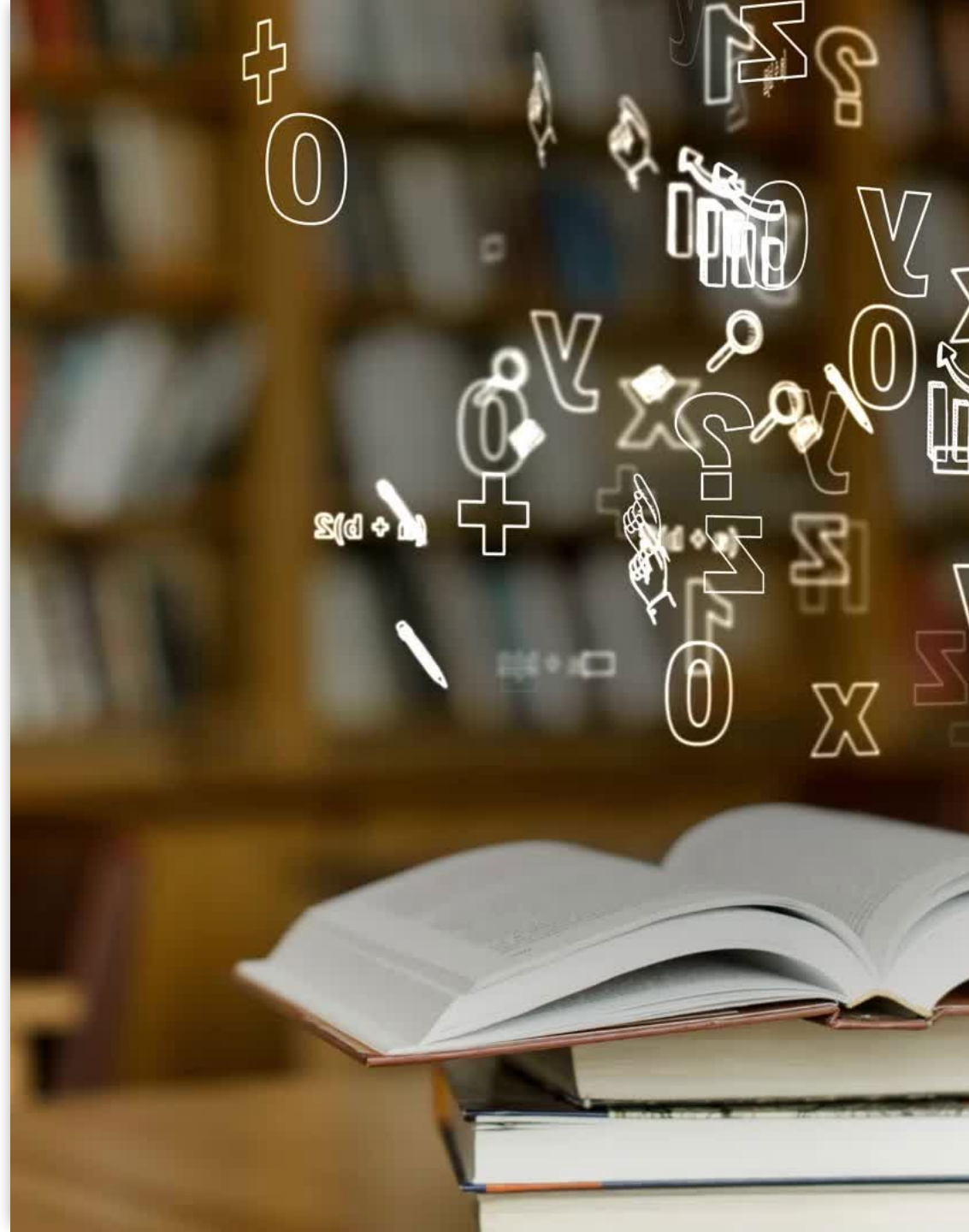
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- LibreTexts subscription

K-State Foundation

- All-in* reserves

- Ongoing donations



Course Fee Qualifications & Requirements

Qualifications

To qualify for the fee:

- The course must be one that needs course materials (practicums, exercise classes, etc., are not eligible).
- The course or course section (if only the lecture uses the resource for example) must not require or recommend any course materials students have to purchase. An exception to this is iClickers, since they can be used across courses.

Requirements

The fee can be applied to one or multiple sections of the same course. An eligible course may rely on any combination of the following no-cost options:

- an existing open access textbook
- library resources
- high quality [open educational resources](#) (OER)
- multimedia resources (e.g., audio, video, TedTalks, YouTube videos or [Wikimedia Commons](#))
- faculty-authored materials (e.g., websites, PDFs, educational presentation slides or lecture videos)

Materials not eligible for the fee include:

- commercial e-text versions of existing print resources
- textbook rentals

Course Fee 2025

	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Fall 2025	2025 total
Total fees collected	\$107,135	\$16,270	\$153,355	\$276,760
Departments share (90%)	\$96,421	\$14,643	\$138,019	\$249,019
Finance Expense (5%)	\$5357	\$814	\$7668	\$13,838
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