

# Exploring Faculty and Instructors' Perceptions and Use of Open Textbooks: Preliminary Results



## Definition

"An open textbook is a textbook licensed under an open copyright license, and made available online to be freely used by students, teachers and members of the public. They are available for free as online versions, and as low-cost printed versions, should students opt for these."



Source: BC campus. Retrieved from <http://open.bccampus.ca/open-textbook-faq/#1>



## Background

- British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Open Education Resources (OER) - March 2014
- An informal University of Regina working group on open textbooks formed



## Methodology

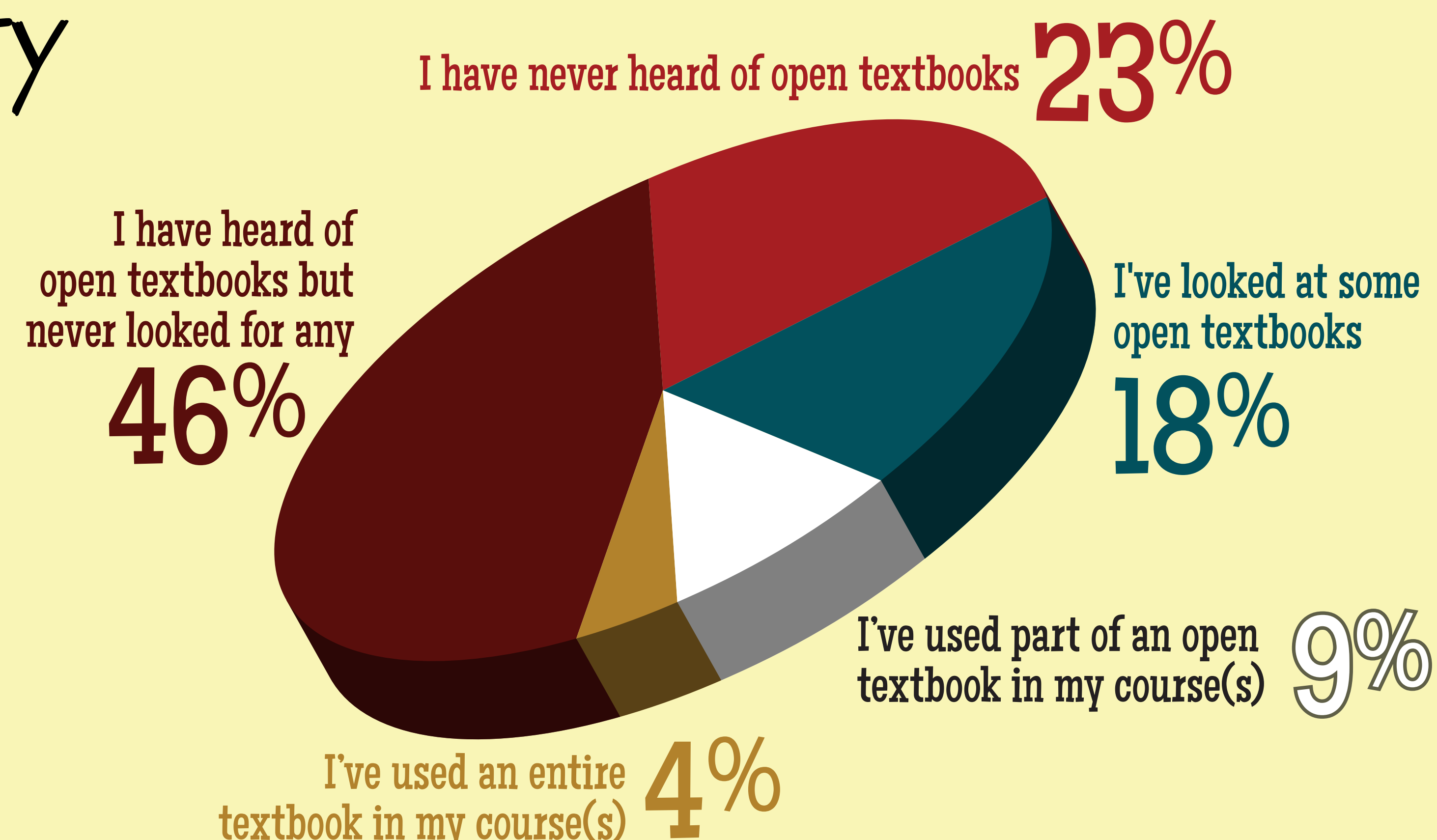
- Objective: to investigate faculty and instructors' perceptions and use regarding open textbooks
- **Online survey** distributed in Winter 2015
- University of Regina faculty and instructors
- 90 survey respondents



## Familiarity

How familiar are you with open textbooks?

82 responses



## Selected Results

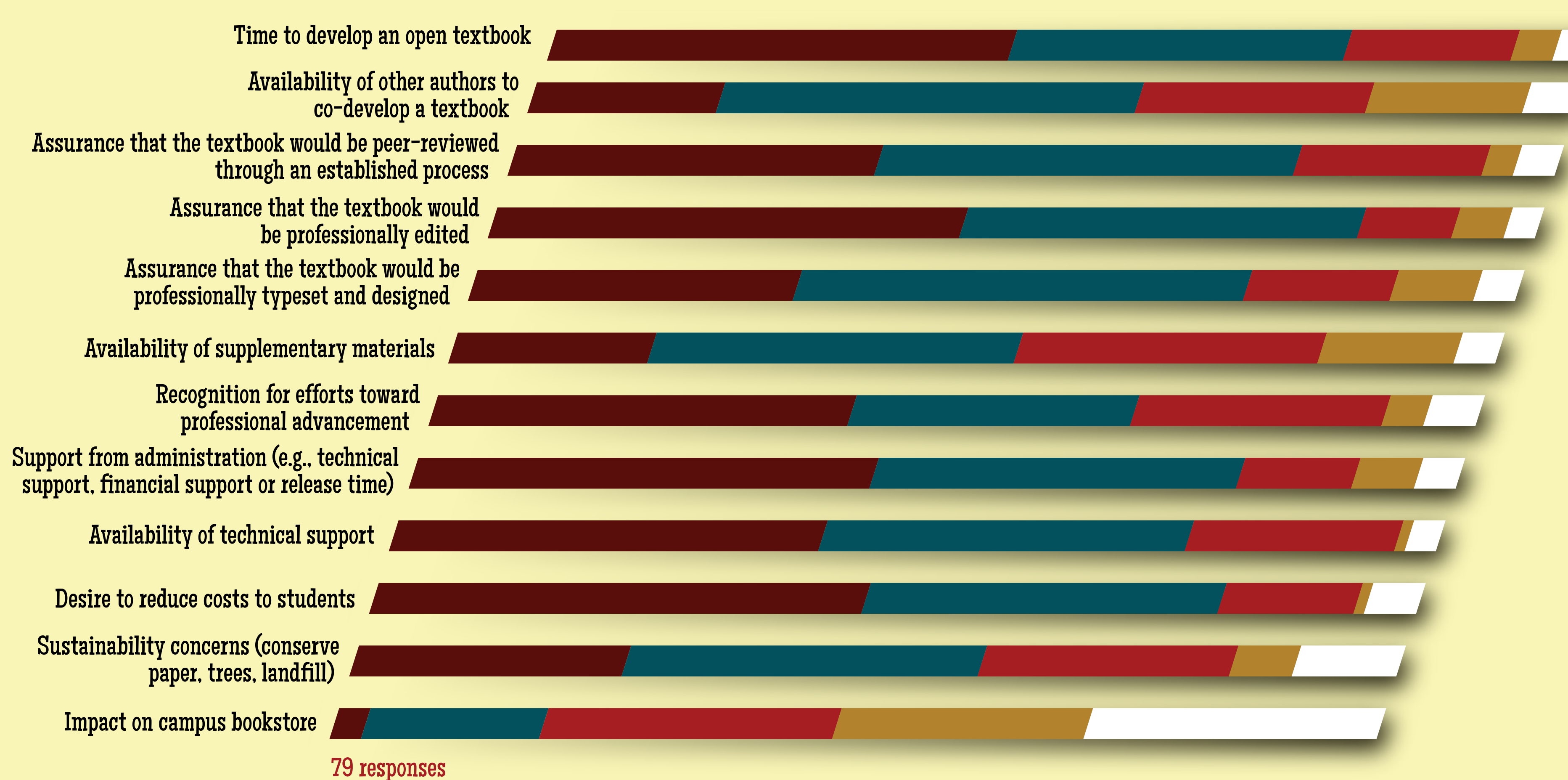
88%

Currently do not use an open textbook

83 responses



If you were to create a textbook, what would be the most important factors influencing your decision to make it an open textbook?



## Affordability

Are you aware of textbook prices before selecting and assigning textbooks?

Close to half  
45%

are always aware of textbook prices

82 responses



If an appropriate open textbook is available, how likely are you to adopt an open textbook or parts of one?



30%

are very likely to adopt an open textbook or parts of one

82 responses

32 respondents have been involved in creating or adapting open textbooks, open digital collections/supplementary texts, & other open educational materials.

Examples include



What would be the most important factors influencing your decision to use an open textbook?

