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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chief Academic Officers

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SUBJECT: Open Text Book Initiatives

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system office announces two opportunities to participate in Open Textbook initiatives:

- 1) [Request for Proposals](#) from colleges and universities interested in developing campus initiatives to increase the awareness and adoption of Open Textbooks and Open Educational Resources by faculty; seven (7) grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded.

Proposals addressing the stated criteria are due by November 25, 2015, and must be sent electronically to [Todd Digby](#), Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

- 2) [Opportunities](#) for faculty from any discipline to receive training and receive compensation to review appropriate open textbooks for their classes.

Faculty may register to participate beginning November 1, 2015.

Both of these opportunities are intended to support textbook affordability efforts that Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA) and Minnesota State College Student Association (MSCSA) have identified as one of their top priorities for this year.

Flyers are available for both [Campus Open Textbook Projects](#) and [Open Textbook Training and Reviews](#), which can be used to raise awareness of these opportunities.

c: Ron Anderson, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
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