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- Enables faculty to find quality free or low-cost course content that can substitute for more costly textbooks.
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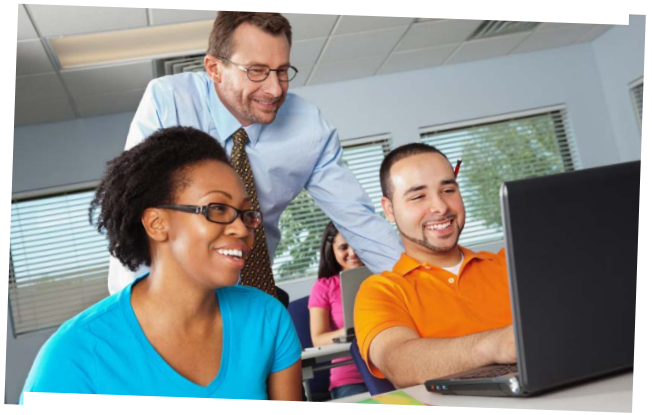

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## AFFORDABLE LEARNING SOLUTIONS PRINCIPLES

**CHOICE:** Enables the discovery of course content, including commercial publisher content, library resources, and a wide array of open educational resources (OER).

**AFFORDABILITY:** Technology and partnerships that reduce the cost of learning materials for students and the CSU.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Every student is entitled to a high-quality education with access to all learning materials.

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- Free Course Materials
- Free e-textbooks
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