



Open Educational Resources: Challenges and Opportunities for Higher Education

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Abstract

Operating in a distributed, online environment, The UWI, Open Campus needed to employ strategies to ensure equity in the delivery and quality of teaching and learning for all students, no matter their physical location. Developments in Information and Communication Technology as well as the wide-spread adoption of the principles of Creative Commons, have provided opportunities for the integration of Open Educational Resources (OERs) into the curriculum at the Open Campus. The presentation will explore the challenges encountered by the librarians as part of this process, identify opportunities to further strengthen integration and finally, offer suggestions on future pathways to encourage and broaden the use of OERs in higher educational institutions in the Caribbean to the benefit of all stakeholders.