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Dear UM System AOER Committee:

I write as department chair to confirm that the History Department will invest the time and effort to explore ways to make all introductory courses affordable or open educational access. This will be done with the assistance of and in conjunction with the Center for Teaching and Learning. During this process, we will maintain open communication with (A)OER staff. We will maintain a multi-year commitment to finding options for affordable and open education resources in the department with the hope of offering all introductory coursework at no additional cost beyond tuition.

Dr. Peter Acsay will be an appropriate **Faculty Advocate (FA)** in this process who will be tasked with the following responsibilities:

- (A)OER advocacy in department
- Developing relationships between department and (A)OER stakeholders across campus (CTL, Library, Bookstore, DAS)
- Conducting workshops and training opportunities for department faculty related to open education
- Meeting with individual faculty (as needed) to assist the conversion of their courses to (A)OER
- Helping oversee the creation/development of open departmental resources as appropriate

As department chair I understand and agree with the above responsibilities of the Faculty Advocate for AEOR goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura M. Westhoff".

Laura M. Westhoff, Ph.D.
Chair