Lessons from the First Year of VIVA Open Grants

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VIVA Levels the Playing Field

- The Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) is the consortium of the 71 academic libraries within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- For 25 years, VIVA has created significant cost savings through cooperative purchasing and resource sharing.

- Since 2018, VIVA has expanded its programs to provide direct support to open and affordable initiatives in Virginia.

175 databases

45,000 e-journals

VIVA has demonstrated a cost avoidance of over $1,000,000,000 through group purchases since it began in 1994.

35,000 videos

$578,000 in Open Grants Awarded

115,000 e-books

VIVA'S OPEN AND AFFORDABLE COURSE CONTENT INTIATIVE

IN 2019, VIVA launched the Open Grants Program awarding up to $30,000 to teams to adopt, adapt, or create course materials that are free to students

Lesson #1: The Need is Great

Spring, 2019:   61 applications, requesting $810,612

Fall, 2019:   44 applications, requesting $637,765

Spring, 2020:   41 applications, requesting, $563,986

TOTAL REQUEST: $2.012 million

AWARDED: $578,189

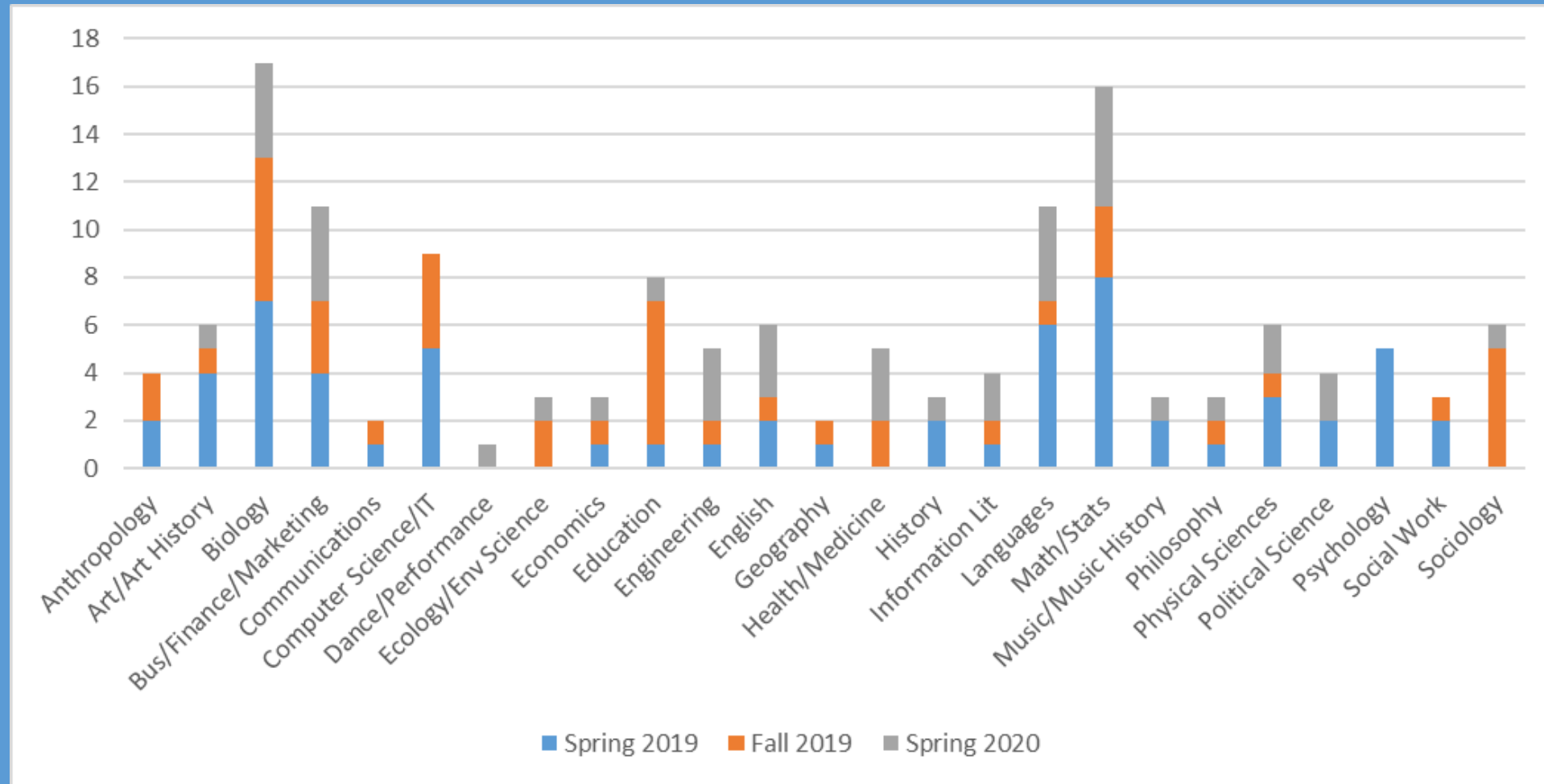ANTICIPATED SAVINGS: $15 million over five years
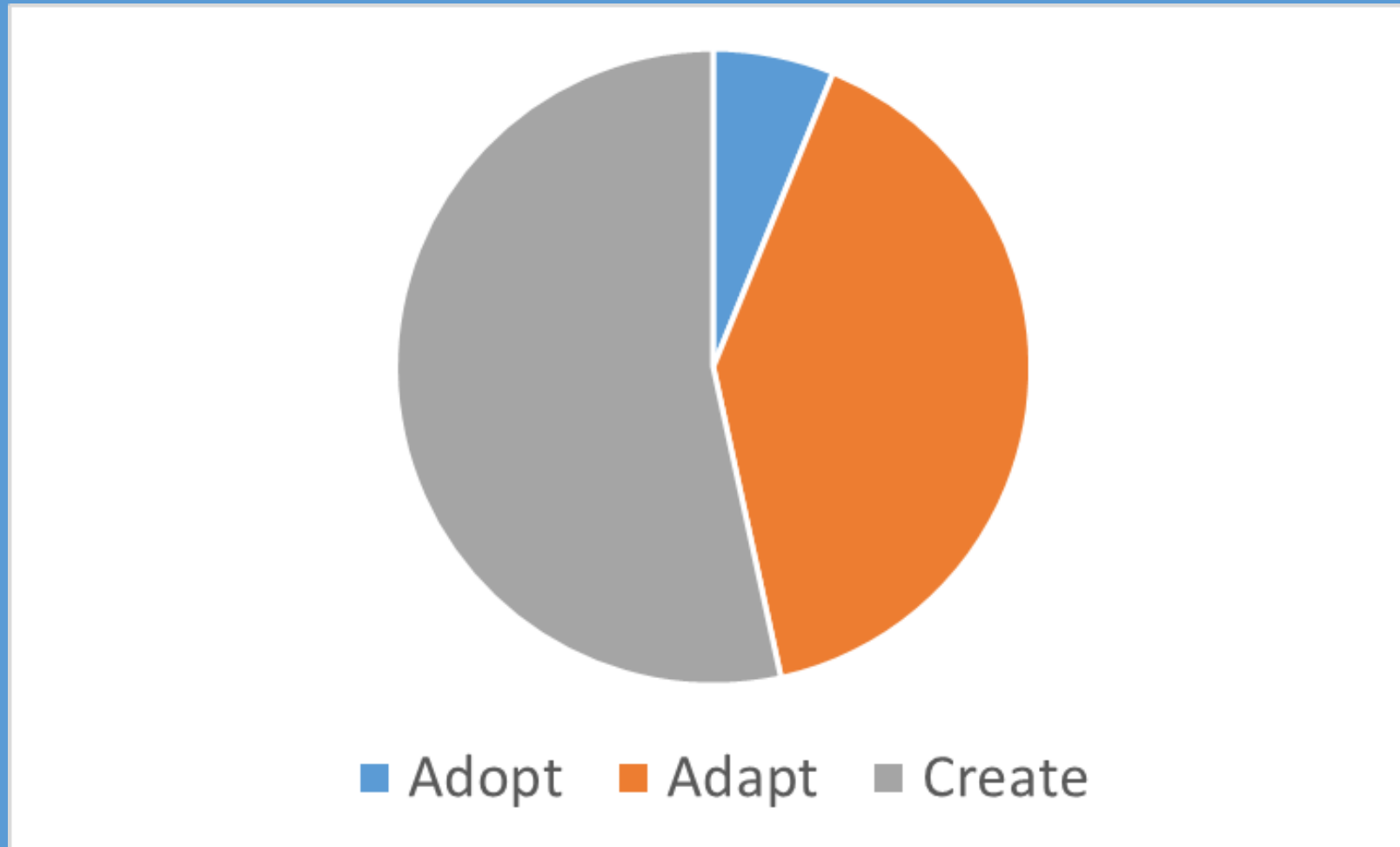
Lesson #2: Benefits Go Beyond Savings

- Meets classroom and pedagogical needs

- Diversity in representation

- Cross institutional collaboration standardizes access to course materials

Lesson #3: Uneven reach in terms of discipline and project type

Course Redesign Grants: Proposals by Type

Going Forward:

- VIVA Open Adopt Grants, Fall, 2020: https://vivalib.org/va/open/grants/adopt

- Increased Outreach to Disciplines and Institutions not yet reached

- Collaboration with other VIVA Initiatives, such as the Course Mapping Project, to locate areas in which open course materials are particularly needed.