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The evaluation process recently undertaken to review the *SUNYConnect* electronic resources revealed a remarkably high level of consensus regarding *SUNYConnect*-wide offerings. Yet part of that was driven by the tendency of database vendors to offer attractive packages of resources which tend to make the selection of a single resource financially untenable.

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Such was the situation related to the Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center from [Thomson Gale](#). The community college sector, in particular, expressed a strong interest in retaining this resource. However, competing information needs across a huge university system did not leave enough funds to subscribe to Opposing Viewpoints as a standalone resource.

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Since this decision, over 40 *SUNYConnect* institutions have expressed an interest in subscribing to the resource on their own. This level of interest and financial commitment made it possible to continue providing Opposing Viewpoints to all *SUNYConnect* participants.

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The *SUNYConnect* financial plan is under review. Among other things, this review will attempt to incorporate the OVRC costs into the complete *SUNYConnect* financial framework. But, in the meantime, just as certain campuses pay more to provide access to [New England Journal of Medicine](#) and ScienceDirect titles for all of *SUNYConnect*, this is an example of *SUNYergy* at its best.



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