

DE & Technology Updates for the Academic Senate

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Hi Senators,

Please find below the many college, district, and state DE and technology updates for us to discuss at the next Academic Senate meeting on Feb. 1.

Technology Funding Discontinued by the CO or CVC

As you know, the state CO is no longer funding several technology programs after Dec. 31, 2020. All three of our 4CD campuses decided to use CARES funding for these services:

- NetTutor, the 24/7 online tutoring by discipline
- Proctorio, the online authentication and exam monitoring software
- 24/7 telephone support for faculty and students for Canvas

The local CCC DE Committee has also decided to purchase Pronto and Hypothesis for the next two years, and CARES funding has been approved by the Budget Committee.

Technology Funding Continued by the CO or CVC

1. The state will continue to provide funding for Zoom for live and recorded virtual classes, for Canvas LMS, and for Canvas Studio, the video creation software.
2. In addition, the state has continued funding for the online lab program Labster through June 2021.
3. The state is also continuing support for the accessibility program Ally through June 2021. 4CD colleges have piloted use of the student-facing portion of Ally, which allows students to select the format for downloaded materials. Starting tomorrow (1/21), the campuses will also implement the faculty facing portion, which instructs faculty which aspects of the class are not accessible and how to fix them.

Districtwide Professional Development

1. We are continuing to offer additional Becoming an Effective Online Instructor courses, with one section that began on Jan. 4, and another session beginning Feb. 8. There are ample seats available on GROW. All successful completers will receive a \$700 stipend.
2. Our 4CD campuses also decided to continue the districtwide Peer Online Mentoring and Review program. At CCC, our local POCR program is led by Mike Kilivris. This professional development effort matches mentors with faculty to bring their course into alignment with state CVC's Online Course Design Rubric to ensure high-quality courses for our students. I have recently been approved for CARES funding to continue our POCR Program this spring only.

California Virtual Campus

1. As of Dec. 16, 2021, LMC has been accepted as a member of the CVC Consortium. That brings all three colleges into the CVC Consortium. This clears a crucial step in allowing our district to become members of the full CVC Exchange.
2. All three campuses are currently 'live' on the [CVC CourseFinder](#), which means that any CCC students anywhere in the state can search our colleges for available seats in desired disciplines or IGETC or CSU categories. To register in the courses, the students still need to go through our enrollment processes.
3. The next step is to become part of the full CVC Exchange, which, when finalized, will allow students around the state to register in our classes with a single enrollment at their own home college. It will also allow our students to easily take classes at other colleges to complete their degrees or fill in other gaps.

Other Local DE Updates

1. The DE Mentor Program will continue this spring with CARES funding.
2. An external Accessibility Specialist was hired for this spring with DSPS funding.
3. With one-time funds expiring again, the DE Committee will be working this spring to institutionalize funding for DE, specifically for positions, programs, and instructional technologies.

Please don't hesitate to reply to me if you have questions before we meet.

Best regards,
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