

Distance Education and Information Technology Committee Annual Report 2018-19

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Meeting dates: September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, February 7, April 4, May 2

Committee goals

The committee took the following action on goals chosen at its September meeting:

Defining terms for DE classes

The Academic Senate approved our recommendations for DE definitions at its Oct. 12 meeting

Make recommendations to reflect pending changes in title 5 regarding distance education

Work is being done by the Curriculum Committee and district curriculum committee, DEETAC (state chancellor's DE advisory committee), and LRCFT and district management during negotiations for the next faculty contract

Review of the Distance Education Master Plan

DE summit planned for flex Thursday on August 22; summit will include consideration for a plan for virtual desktops that are accessible from off campus and inventory student services for a gap analysis

Additional items

In addition to the goals the committee took the following actions

Welcoming students from other home colleges

The committee discussed ways that instructors of fully online classes can welcome students from other home colleges once the cross-enrollment mechanism for the California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) is operating.

CVC-OEI Course Design Rubric Alignment

The committee recognized three CRC faculty for developing courses that align with the CVC-OEI Course Design Rubric: Katie Morgan-Nance for ACCT301, Pat Rogan for ACCT311, and Gregory Beyrer for HIST310.

Case management for houses

The committee supports the use of automated enrollment into Canvas courses for each of the college's houses (also known as career and academic communities); this recommendation was shared with the district IT analysts that manage automated enrollment for Canvas users.

New definitions for DE classes proposed by DEETAC

The committee recommends opposing the new DE definitions proposed by DEETAC; this recommendation was shared with the Academic Senate at its final meeting of the year.

Peralta CC Equity Rubric

The committee recommends beginning a discussion regarding the rubric with the potential outcome that all fully online classes at CRC are aligned with the rubric; this discussion item was shared with the Academic Senate at its final meeting of the year.