Update: Online Education Initiative (OEI)
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Dear Colleagues:

I'm writing to share with you highlights about Online Education Initiative (OEI). You are receiving this update because it's my job to do that as the college's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC), and most of you are members of the Mt. SAC OEI Implementation Team or directly involved in local OEI projects.

OEI projects at the statewide level:
- 8 Full-Launch colleges are gearing up for Course Exchange among themselves. The Allocating Exchange Seats slides illustrate how it would work.
- 8 Full-Launch colleges' mutual agreement on financial aid is nearly complete. When it's ready to be shared, the rest of the 16 colleges will get a copy.
- Course Review two-day Retreat July 12-13, 2016, at Mt. San Jacinto College. This free retreat is for OEI faculty to get their courses ready for the review before offering them through the Course Exchange. Any OEI faculty may attend whether their college is in the Full-Launch group or not.
- The Online Counseling Network (OCN) training is occurring as soon as a campus lead for counseling is identified and then the training can be set up. Cranium Cafe is the online tool used for delivering online counseling.
- The OEI team is focusing on campus visits to campus OEI Implementation teams for now. The 16 other pilot colleges, including Mt. SAC, will not have a visit until further notice.
- The RFP for an anti-plagiarism tool did not yield any proposals.

OEI projects at Mt. SAC:
- Mt. SAC's Distance Learning Committee recommended that the College adopt Canvas as our course management system. The recommendation was discussed at the full Academic Senate on May 19.
- The three OEI faculty members (Michael Dowdle, PSYC 1A; Paul Jefferson, ADJU 1; Elizabeth Lobb, GEOG 2) continue to teach their online classes in Canvas in Summer and Fall 2016, only to Mt. SAC students.
- The earliest semester in which Mt. SAC may be teaching students from other pilot colleges is Fall 2017.
- All OEI students registering for Summer 2016 and Fall 2016 are expected to complete the Quest Program to get ready to take online classes.
- All OEI students have been offered online tutoring via NetTutor; we have been promoting all online tutoring including local resources.
- OEI faculty have been invited to check out Proctorio (link), an online proctoring service, and faculty are encouraged to explore the tool.
- OEI Implementation Team won't have a visit from the state-level OEI team yet.

For more information: http://ccconlineed.org/

Regards,

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