

This email is being sent to all of the Technology Committees for the colleges and district and the college Distance Education Committees.

There has been a lot of discussion state-wide about the State's Online Education Initiative (OEI) that started in January 2014 and resulted in the selection in 2015 of a Common Course Management System (CCMS) using "Canvas" along with other support software tools for tutoring and online learner readiness. To date, the first of the OEI pilots for the initial participating colleges has been completed and there are over 75 colleges within the system that have participated in some aspect of the OEI. You can go to the OEI website for the comprehensive information on the background, the OEI pilot colleges' progress, the implementation strategies and timelines using various cohorts, and the current status of the OEI project: www.CCCOnlineEd.org.

The Chabot and Las Positas Technology Committees and the district-wide Technology Coordinating Committee made a recommendation to Chancellor Jackson which was approved to form a task force comprised of representatives from both colleges and the district in order to review all the information released by the State Chancellor's Office on the Online Education Initiative (OEI) and to make a recommendation in Spring 2016. The OEI project has also been discussed at the Chabot Committee on Online Learning (COOL) and the Las Positas Distance Education Committee who are both supportive of the task force activities. The Technology Committees had agreed to wait until after the ACCJC Accreditation visit in October to start the OEI task force.

The Chabot and Las Positas Technology Committees have provided names of faculty representatives, college Distance Education coordinators who support Blackboard, and administrators to participate in the OEI Task force. The task force's responsibility will be to explore, investigate, and research the OEI contract provisions with the "Canvas" vendor, the other supporting software tools that are included, and the implementation strategies being used by the pilot colleges. The OEI consists of two components and CLPCCD can select to implement one or both components:

- One option is to adopt the "Canvas" course management system along with other software tools that would replace the existing Blackboard system currently being used by both colleges.
- The second option deals with the OEI Course Exchange that uses "Canvas" whereby students could enroll in online classes across a group of colleges within a Consortium of colleges participating in the Exchange.

The college and district OEI task force members that have been selected include:

Chabot:

Zarir Marawala – Faculty, Chair Technology Committee

Wanda Wong – Faculty

Scott Hildreth – Faculty

Cristina Moon – Faculty

MInta Winsor – Blackboard Coordinator

Lisa Ulibarri –Blackboard Coordinator, Faculty
Stacy Thompson – VP Academic Services

LPC:

Jim Gioia – Faculty, Chair LPC Technology Committee
Toby Bielawski - Faculty
Ruth Hanna – Faculty
Vicky Austin – Adjunct Faculty
Candace Brown – Adjunct Faculty
Deborah Bauer – Adjunct Faculty
Scott Vigallon – Blackboard Coordinator
Roanna Bennie – VP Academic Services

District:

Rachel Ugale – ITS
Jeannine Methe – CTO District ITS and College IT

The task force meetings will be conducted through Webinars , so members can participate from their campus location. The frequency of the meetings and the day/time that is scheduled will be decided by the task force members based on their schedules. The first meeting will be held in December and will continue into the Spring term. Below is the link to the TCC OEI Task Force Recommendation that includes the duties of the task force and the groups represented:

http://www.clpccd.org/ipbm/documents/OEI_TaskForce_TCC_Signed_by_Chancellor061015.pdf

If other faculty members would like to be included in the OEI task force, please email me their names.

Thank you for your support on this critical project.