

The CVC/OEI

(California Virtual Campus/Online Education Initiative or “The Exchange”)

For the Academic Senate of the Santa Rosa Junior College

The facts of the case as I understand them at this moment

- The goal of the Course Exchange is for all 114 California Community Colleges to belong
- The Exchange is not yet live; it is still being piloted and engineered
- To date approximately half of the 114 CCCs have signed on, but only 3 are in the pilot
- We will be given an opportunity to apply to join, but when is unknown
- If we join, we join as a college, and when it goes live all online courses of member colleges will go on the Exchange as a default
- If SRJC joins, departments, programs and instructors will be able to opt out
- SRJC being on the Exchange does not force any department to offer online courses

The Opinions of the case as I understand them at this moment

- Some departments and programs will likely benefit from being on the Exchange; so far one department has adopted a resolution in favor of joining (Computer Studies)
- Some departments or individual faculty members have objections; objections are of at least two kinds that should not be confused
 1. Online instruction per se is problematic, while inevitable, its expansion and promotion should be eschewed
 2. The Exchange is problematic because we do not control due process for ensuring quality of curricula or faculty#1 usually entails #2, but some hold #2 without holding #1

Next Steps

- Departments and discipline faculty should discuss the issue from a position. Adopting departmental resolutions is encouraged
- We will have a full discussion/debate the first thing in the fall, and decide, signifying by vote, whether as an Academic Senate we wish to sign an application to join the Exchange whenever it comes.