

District Online Committee (DOC) Report - Academic Senate

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Educational Technology Tools (Software Adoption/Renewal Process)

- Working on creating a process to ensure faculty primacy in decision making for vetting and funding of educational technology software.
- In addition to faculty representatives on DOC, this group will invite SRJC faculty more broadly to join and share their input.
- There is currently no regular budget for educational technology software which means that there is currently no stated continuity of those resources.
- Current tools: <https://de.santarosa.edu/edtecht toolkit> includes link to a form for requesting a new tool that could be integrated into Canvas.
- This group would also advise the office of DE about decisions regarding updates/changes to Canvas, when to turn on new features, whether to make them optional or not, etc.

HyFlex

HyFlex Gatherings every month for instructors to get support from fellow HyFlex instructors, share resources and tips, and ask questions. Contact Lauren Nahas if you are interested in attending:

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- Hands-on practice sessions
- HyFlex best practices sharing sessions
- Hardware and EdTech for HyFlex classes
- Creating community in HyFlex classes
- "Converting" activities from one mode to the other
- HyFlex resource page: <https://de.santarosa.edu/hyflex>

Accessibility

- Current accessibility software (Ally) being replaced with [Panorama](#) due to a variety of factors including the ability to remediate PDF documents
- New Federal Accessibility Rules
 - Individuals with disabilities must be able to access important web content and mobile apps quickly, easily, independently, privately, and equally.
 - Nearly all digital material hosted by a public college or university will need to be compliant, including course content that is password protected.
 - Public colleges and universities are responsible for ensuring that all contractual, licensed, or third-party services meet the accessibility requirement.
 - This final rule builds on and does not supplant preexisting requirements. A public entity must continue to meet all existing obligations under other laws.
 - Based on the population of the SRJC College District, we have until **April 24, 2026**, to comply.

Generative AI

- Discussions are ongoing, awaiting Senate taskforce recommendations.
- Distance Education's Instructional Designer, Lauren Mitchell, is currently attending a statewide Community of Practice regarding the use of AI at CCCs. Her hope is to contribute her knowledge to a potential CoP or other Professional Development opportunities at SRJC.

- Generative AI resources, curated by DE staff, can be found at <https://de.santarosa.edu/generativeairesources>

CVC Exchange Update

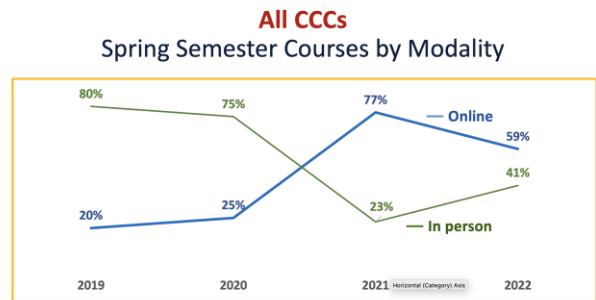
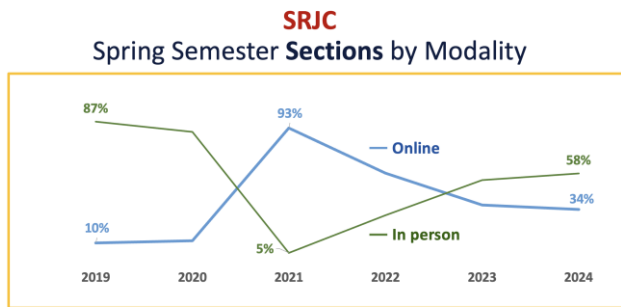
- SRJC online courses are up on the CVC exchange you can look for your course here: <https://cvc.edu/>
- CVC.edu search process now defaults to Keyword and the CVC has attempted to map all local course names to broader disciplines/courses for easier search capabilities.
- The District has announced its intent to become a Teaching College with the CVC which includes developing a POCR process. We have an opportunity to begin the technical work in July 2025.

Distance Education Interesting Facts and Hot Topics

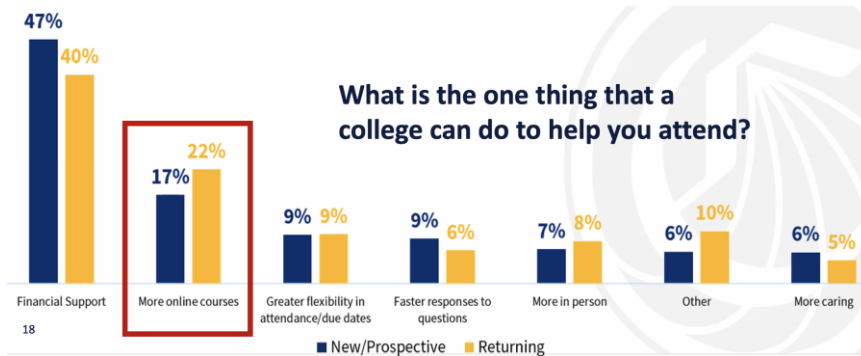
See full [board presentation](#)

Now vs. Pre-pandemic

- We now have three times as many online courses
- There are now twice as many faculty teaching online courses
- There has been a 20% increase in online FTES
- 57% of our students are now taking at least one online class
- 52% of our courses are eligible to be offered online
- There has been an exponential increase in digital course content
- The District provides many more software resources to help improve success, retention and engagement in our online classes



Chancellor's Office
2023 Statewide Student Survey Results



Hot topics in Distance Education

The CVC is looking at software to help curb the growing problem of “bots” enrolled in online classes

A Chancellor’s Office committee is working on unified definitions for DE modalities

ACCJC is creating a new rubric to match new Federal regs re Regular and Substantive Interactions (RSI) in online courses

Colleges are helping faculty learn how to create authentic and equitable assessments to combat the use of AI

The Chancellor’s Office has created a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) taskforce