



Resolution 15.4.2: Reinstatement of the FACULTY/STAFF COMMITTEE ON DISTANCE EDUCATION as a Standing Committee of the Academic Senate (Formerly the Distance Education Committee): (Joe Safdie) Updated April 10, 2015

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Whereas, a Faculty/Staff Committee on Distance Education has existed as one of the Academic Senate standing committees, has not met for some years and the language of its composition and responsibilities has become obsolete; and

Whereas, it remains important for the faculty to be alerted to State and District online education policy matters, to be directed to resources that support best practices and guidelines in online pedagogy and to participate in a forum for the discussion of online instructional issues; then

Be it resolved that the Mesa College Academic Senate approves the Reinstatement of the Faculty/Staff Committee on Distance Education beginning in the Fall Semester of 2015.

**SENATE RULES
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ACADEMIC SENATE
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I - COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1 - SENATE COMMITTEES:

- A. The Senate shall have the following standing committees:
1. Senate Executive Committee
 2. Academic Affairs Committee
 3. Academic Senate Equivalency Committee
 4. Committee of Chairs (COC)
 5. Committee on Committees
 6. Committee on Elections
 7. Curriculum Review Committee (CRC)
 8. Faculty/Staff Committee on Distance Education
 9. Learning Resource Center Liaison Committee
 10. Professional Development Committee (PDC)
 11. Tenure & Promotion Review Committee
 12. Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee on Threats (FACT)
 13. Other standing committees as may be specified in the Senate Rules

SECTION 8 – FACULTY/STAFF COMMITTEE ON DISTANCE EDUCATION:

A. Composition:

The Committee shall consist of:

1. A Faculty or Staff Chair, selected by the committee.
2. Eight (8) Faculty and Classified Staff Members (At least one (1) Faculty member and at least one (1) Classified Staff member):
3. One (1) Administrator
4. One (1) Student Representative
5. The faculty online mentor (SDCCD appointed)

B. Duties:

The Faculty/Staff Committee on Distance Education shall be responsible for:

1. Alerting faculty to State and District online education policy matters.
2. Providing a forum for discussing online instructional issues.
3. Directing faculty to resources that support best practices and guidelines in online pedagogy.
4. Scheduling and advertising Flex presentations and other professional development opportunities for faculty and staff in the use of Blackboard, the progress of the State's Online Education Initiative (OEI), and other issues involving online classes and pedagogy.
5. Conducting periodic surveys of faculty and staff about the satisfaction level of online classes among students, faculty and staff; advising the Academic Senate of any needed action with regard to Distance Learning.

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