Apply to Join Online Education Initiative Consortium

Whereas, Online Education Initiative (OEI) Consortium colleges receive Net Tutor online tutoring, Vericite plagiarism detection, Proctorio proctoring services, Quest online readiness modules, support from OEI Course Designers, and Cranium Café communication services at no cost to the colleges, and West Kern Community College District currently pays $18,700 annually on Cranium Café alone;

Whereas, Participation through the OEI Consortium in the Course Exchange requires courses meeting the OEI Course Design Rubric, which increases the quality of online learning experiences for students, as reflected by the “pilot courses moving 4.9% above the statewide average for online success;”

Whereas, 35% of Taft College’s FTES are currently made up of online enrollments, and only 12.27% of all California Community Colleges FTES are made up of online enrollments, and high-quality online courses may contribute to growth; and

Whereas, Participation in the OEI Course Exchange would allow Taft College students to enroll in C-ID approved courses at participating OEI Consortium colleges with their current registration priority, increasing their opportunities to complete degree requirements, and participation in the Course Exchange would potentially bolster enrollment in Taft College Course Exchange Courses;

Resolved, That the Taft College Academic Senate (TCAS) endorse applying to be included in the OEI Consortium; and

Resolved, That the TCAS recommend to the Professional Development Committee that significant opportunities to improve online courses to meet the OEI Course Design Rubric be offered as Flex activities on an ongoing basis until at least spring of 2020 to help meet the targets of 10% of Taft College’s online courses participating in the Course Exchange within two semesters of joining the exchange and 20% within four semesters.

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