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This email is jointly sent by Andrew Rempt, Academic Senate President; Rob Shaffer, SCEA President; and Kathy Tyner, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Colleagues:

The Academic Senate, SCEA, and District leaders and representatives met this morning and jointly agreed to set a Distance Education (DE) training deadline of August 10, 2017 for all distance education instructors (both online and hybrid) in order to teach DE in Fall 2017. This agreement extends the training deadline previously set for online instructors to teach in Spring 2017.

We encourage all DE faculty to complete or demonstrate qualifying DE training as soon as possible in order for the District to provide an appropriate response to the ACCJC Team Report. The ACCJC site visit will occur in April 2017.

The ACCJC Team Report findings state “The required distance learning regular and effective student contact...are not met on a consistent basis. For this reason, college practice is not consistent with the requirements of federal regulations and with the Commission Policy on Distance Education and Correspondence Education.”

The District must appropriately respond to Recommendation #2, which states “In order to meet the Standard, the team recommends that the college evaluate regular and effective student contact for distance education course to determine compliance with the college Distance Education Handbook, stated learning outcomes, and whether achievement is comparable with students enrolled in face-to-face programs.”

Collectively, we need to work together to achieve full reaffirmation of our accreditation following the site visit in April 2017. Your help toward this end would be greatly appreciated!

Best Regards, kt

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