



Allocation of Savings From Canvas Adoption for Online Professional Development at MSJC

Whereas, The Governor’s January 2017 budget allocates \$10 million to fund Canvas as the Common Course Management System for the entire California Community College system at no cost to individual institutions; and

Whereas, The Educational Technology Committee (ETC) of Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) vetted several Course Management Systems and recommended to Mt. San Jacinto College’s Academic Senate that the college adopt Instructure (Canvas) as a new Course Management System to replace Blackboard; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate of Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) concurred with the recommendation from Educational Technology Committee to switch from Blackboard to Canvas and supported this change at the December 8th, 2015 Site Council meetings of MSJC’s Academic Senate; and

Whereas, Mt. San Jacinto College traditionally contracted Blackboard as the primary Course Management System for roughly \$76,000 per year and will now be able to utilize Canvas at no cost; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges passed Resolution 12.04 in Fall 2014 “Using Anticipated Savings from Adopting the Common Course Management System to Support Online Faculty Professional Development Needs” recommending that “local senates and bargaining units to work with their administrations to ensure that any monetary savings which may result from a district or college transitioning to a Common Course Management System (CCMS) be used primarily to support the professional development needs of distance education faculty making the transition to the new CCMS;”

Resolved, Mt. San Jacinto College’s Academic Senate asserts that all past and future cost benefits from the switch from Blackboard to Canvas be invested in on-going professional development to assist faculty with the transition and adjustment to the new Course Management System Canvas.

Resolved, Mt. San Jacinto College’s Academic Senate asserts that all past and future cost benefits from the switch from Blackboard to Canvas should fund professional development activities for the continued development of online pedagogy to support student success and retention within the Distance Education Program at Mt. San Jacinto College.

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