



Distance Learning Committee

College of the Siskiyous, 800 College Avenue, Weed, CA 96094

DISTANCE LEARNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026

4:00-5:00 pm, LS 108

Members Present: Maria Elena Fernandez, Elizabeth Carlyle, Alison Varty, Jude Baldwin, Anne-Marie Kuhlemann, Kirk Thomsen

Meeting start: 4:00 pm

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and approve minutes from Nov 4, 2025. Zeller moved to approve/Varty seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

C. COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Information
 - a. Committee Membership: Bellamy and Roberts are no longer committee members. The Committee did not feel the need to add new members at this time
 - b. New CVC Course Design Rubric: Committee began preliminary discussion of the updated CVC Course design rubric, including new PO CR process, Section 0 replacing Course Prep and re-badging of courses (badge expiration date, other related topics). Fernandez to bring recommendations to next meeting for approval. These will be forwarded to the Senate as recommendations for approval to aid in planning for marketing, training, and workshops for the 2026-2027 academic year.
 - c. New all campus accessibility requirements (April 2026): Fernandez discussed changes to Title II that affect the entire campus. Accessibility in online courses has always been the law, so this requirement is not “new”. What is new is the expectation that digital content will be accessible from the first day of classes. This focus will necessitate immediate and ongoing institutional training, resources, and support for all employees. Fernandez emphasized that accessibility is no longer just a “DE thing.” The new regulations take effect April 24, 2026.
 - d. Teaching and Learning Commons: Fernandez introduced the space where the DL meeting is held, and where faculty are invited to get assistance, either scheduled or via drop-in sessions in person or via Zoom.
2. Discussion
 - a. Committee Check in: goals, concerns, project pitches: none discussed.
3. Other
 - a. Other items from the committee: None discussed.

D. CLOSED SESSION

1. None

E. ADJOURNMENT

1. 5:00 pm

Name	Attendance
Maria Elena Fernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carly Zeller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jude Baldwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Carlyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kirk Thomsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alison Varty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anne-Marie Kuhlemann (NV)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>