

Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate Resolution S18-A
Applying to Become Part of the Online Education Initiative Consortium Cohort
Proposed by the Distance Education Committee

- WHEREAS: Students are challenged to complete degrees and certificates when courses are impacted;
- WHEREAS: Enrolling in classes at other community colleges to complete said courses is challenging due to the lack of a single streamlined application process;
- WHEREAS: The Online Education Initiative (OEI) Exchange has created a single, streamlined application process whereby students are able to enroll once, and Modesto Junior College joining the Exchange would allow our students to register for CI-D aligned courses with their current registration priority, increasing the likelihood that they are able to complete their degrees and certificates;
- WHEREAS: The OEI has opened applications for the second cohort of colleges to join in the OEI Exchange;
- WHEREAS: The OEI has helped raise the quality of online courses by creating the OEI Rubric and by offering Canvas free to all California community colleges;
- WHEREAS: The Senate has already approved Resolution S16-G, "In Support of Adopting the OEI Rubric for Online Classes," which is now the rubric used in MJC's Online Cohort Training for faculty learning to teach online;
- WHEREAS: the next OEI cohort will focus on student equity, which is also a focus at MJC;
- WHEREAS: Columbia College was part of the first cohort and employed several MJC instructors in teaching OEI Exchange courses;
- WHEREAS: Columbia College's participation in the OEI means that the back-end work with YCCD IT has already been completed;
- WHEREAS: The MJC DE Committee voted in its December 2017 meeting to support joining the OEI and recommended the process include an MJC Academic Senate resolution to this effect.
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that MJC apply to become part of the 2018 OEI Consortium Cohort.

First Reading: February 1, 2018

Final Reading: February 15, 2018

Disposition: Carried