

Regular Effective Contact Progress Update to College Council  
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**Timeline of MJC Regular Effective Contact (REC) Guideline Development at MJC**

- Fall 2013: REC is made part of the Distance Education (DE) Plan under MJC's "Online Course Design Rubric"
- Fall 2016: Senate resolves to adopt the Online Education Initiative (OEI) Course Design Rubric, which does not have an REC section
- Spring 2017: DE Advisory Committee begins revising DE Plan, to include new REC Guidelines
- Fall 2017: ACCJC gives MJC a compliance recommendation on REC, stating "the team recommends the college review and revise its existing processes to ensure that faculty teaching online courses consistently provide regular and substantive interaction with students."
- Fall 2017: DE Advisory Committee recommends REC Guideline be separated from the DE Plan so that it can be considered and approved separately by Senate
- Spring 2018: Senate approves new REC guidelines

**Additional Efforts Related to Regular Effective Contact**

- REC presentations by MJC faculty, which are being live video broadcast as well as recorded
- Seventy-five faculty attended the first five REC presentations
- REC presentation by Tracy Schaelen, Distance Education Coordinator, Southwestern College, March 30, 2018, with support by MJC Foundation
- REC presentation livestreamed from Columbia College by Pat James, former Executive Director of Online Education Initiative, April 13, 2018
- Additional REC presentations planned for Institute Week
- YCCD Video Production Services is developing an informative REC video to debut on Institute Day
- Mike Smedshammer is developing a video to introduce the REC guidelines to faculty
- REC resources and references are added to the MJC Distance Education website.
- Four staff attending Online Teaching Conference, summer 2018
- Mike and Rob Stevenson visited BBSS and LitLang Divisions to talk about REC during Institute Week
- Additional faculty and student support provided by Instructional Support Specialist--DE, pending Board approval