



Merritt College DE

End-of-year report

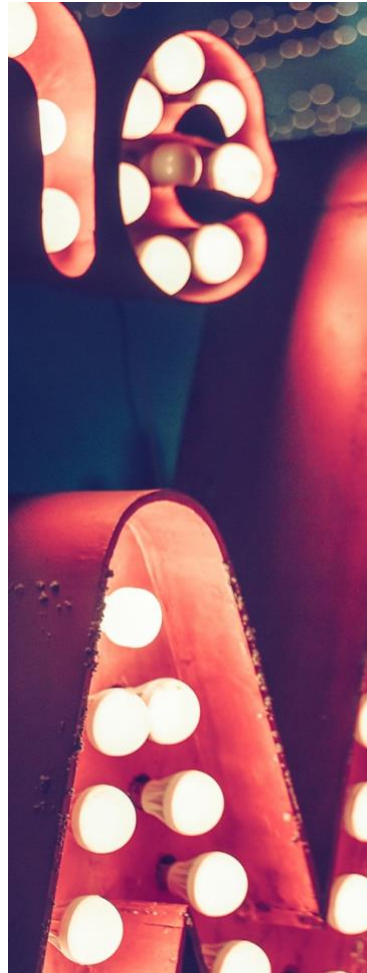
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From the Chair's Desk

In 2021, the DE team completed their second year of being an official Senate sub-committee, and we are no longer in the nascent stages of development. This year marks the first instance where a full team of 9 came together to form our Distance Education Committee at Merritt College, and we are proud to have a mix of departments and levels of experience informing our group. Fall 2020 gave our team some of the biggest challenges yet. We were asked to consult both at the college and district levels regarding: student equity, the CVC, OER, the DE addendum process, student retention rates, and student experiences in distance education. In spring,

the team worked exclusively to focus input on our DE plan, and they helped to revamp our committee charge, but they also had a chance to view the data from both our student surveys, and the retention statistics of 2019-2021. These results proved eye-opening (you can view them in the DE Plan), and allowed us to recognize our successes and shortcomings where equity and success is concerned. I am proud of our team and what we have accomplished this year, and I hope you will consider joining us as we are making a difference for Merritt and our future in DE.

Monica A.



Accomplished

- First local POCR team trained and established
- CVC-OEI Master consortium agreement signed
- EDT program revamped
- First DE/EDT APU completed
- First 3 Merritt courses prepared to enter CVC-OEI
- DE charge submitted to Academic Senate
- DE Plan for 2021-2024 completed
- Passed resolutions for continued equity at college and community level
- Offered to collaborate with Classified Senate for DE-related matters
- Promoted EDT and Online Equity Courses

Even More We Accomplished!

**Reviewed LTI requests and helped to implement Turn-it-in.com, Name Coach, and Playposit*

**Hosted FLEX day lectures regarding equity and safety in the online classroom.*

**Hosted general office hours and DE tech assisting hours*

**Made regular updates to campus throughout shelter-in-place regarding memoranda from ACCJC*

**Recommended funding through CARES act for related distance learning technology in APUs*

**Recognized accessibility and equity as important and needed processes for high-caliber DE course offerings*

**Recommended hotspots to be purchased under CARES act*

Did you know?

- We recommended best practices for AP4105
- We helped to get instructors compensated for courses moved online via Article 33

Current Distance Education Committee 2020/2021

- Monica Ambalal (chair)
- Frances Moy
- Xavier Gomez (faculty)
- Danae Martinez (faculty)
- Kimberly Murphy (faculty)
- Janine Nkosi (faculty)
- Patricia Quiroz Santiago (faculty)
- Nghiem Thai (library)
- Adoria Williams (library)

Would you like to join our team in Fall 2021? Meet these three requirements:

- We are looking for folks with an interest in distance learning, but ultimately you should possess an interest in helping students
- You will also work well with a team and be able to adhere to deadlines
- You are a liaison to your students and community. You know your voice is important and it can be heard on our team!

Goals for Fall 2021

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