

## **FW: Status report on Online Education Initiative (OEI)**

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Dear Foothill OEI Team - Judy Baker put this nice summary together.

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**From:** Judy Baker

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### **Impacts of OEI on Foothill College**

Because Foothill College is a "Full Launch" college in the OEI, three Foothill administrators and staff are participating in an upcoming OEI meeting to brainstorm ideas and potential solutions to key matriculation matters that will impact students and pilot colleges.

### **Review of Online Courses for Inclusion in OEI Course Exchange**

As of November, 66 of 72 pilot courses had been submitted for design review. This includes 3 courses from Foothill College: SOCI 001, PSYC GIS . The review process is focused on making sure the courses are consistent with the course design standards adopted by OEI during the summer, and to provide faculty with the design support they may need. The adopted OEI course design standards are available at <http://ccconlineed.org/>

### **Common Course Management System**

The OEI is in the process of finalizing the selection of a 24/7 online tutoring provider and recently issued an RFP for a common course management system (CCMS). A decision is expected in February. Interviews of vendor finalist will be held in early February. A decision will be announced by March.

### **Online Tutoring Services**

OEI will fund an online tutoring platform called LinkSystems for all California community colleges. Pilot colleges, including Foothill College, will be allotted set amounts of hours of

tutoring. Colleges will need to pay for hours of tutoring beyond the allotted amount. More details will be announced in January.

### **Remote Proctoring Services**

OEI has not yet sent out the RFP for a test proctoring service.

### **OEI Town Hall in April**

The California Community Colleges (CCC) Online Education Initiative (OEI) will hold its second-annual Town Hall on **April 8, in Long Beach**, CA, in conjunction with the Campus Technology Forum 2015. Members of the OEI management team will provide a progress update on the statewide initiative for community college administrators and technology leadership. Similar to [last year's Town Hall](#), the event will be presented in two parts—50 minutes each—both as a live event on site in Long Beach and simulcast from CCC Chancellor's Office via 3CMedia Solutions. Attendance at the OEI Town Hall is free.

### **Course Review/Re-design/Adjustments**

OEI has reviewed more than 25 courses and have another 35 in the pipeline. OEI has decided to let the first pilots go forward in the spring with no revisions to their courses resulting from completed reviews. Instead we will work with the faculty throughout the spring semester to provide instructional design support.

### **Student Readiness Tutorials**

The initial modules that will form the foundation for online student readiness tutorials are done. They will be open and available in the Fall 2015 for everyone to use, both within the common course management system and from an open website.

### **Tutoring support for students**

Link Systems will be working with our pilot colleges to provide 24/7 tutoring for online students in the pilot AND a platform for learning centers to use to connect their local tutors to online students. This will be a partnership that will allow our on campus learning centers to assist online students more effectively, and about consideration of tutoring networks. The contract with Link Systems will be available in the fall for colleges outside of the pilot to purchase at a reasonable cost.

### **Professional Development**

Beyond the review and revision process, there are plans in the works to bring all the faculty

members teaching in the pilot groups together in what we are calling “Creative Summits”. These no-cost professional development workshops will be highly interactive events where online teaching faculty can connect with the course reviewers, instructional designers and each other to share best practices and take online educational design to the next level. If you have not reviewed our course design standards yet, you can do so at the [OEI website](#).

Additionally, the educators within @ONE are designing online teaching courses that will streamline the certification process and provide fully online courses for teachers at all California community colleges by next fall.

### **Common Course Management System**

OEI is in the process of determining which course management system we will be able to offer to colleges in the CCC. The selection process includes the participation of a group of more than 50 educators from across our system, is complex, interesting and thorough. OEI plans to have a selection by the end of February.

### **Course Exchange**

OEI refers to the “exchange” as the piece of OEI that allows students to take online classes across a group of colleges within a consortium ecosystem that:

- has agreed on business processes that make registration seamless across colleges, and has digital mechanisms in place to carry out those processes,
- has courses that have been designed to a set of exemplary standards,
- has a faculty that is part of a network of teachers committed to excellence in learning and teaching strategies,
- provides resources that assist students in being successful online learners, and
- offers courses that students need to complete their educational goals.

OEI is working on developing those business practices that focus on simplicity for students and effective data transfer for colleges.