

Academic Senate Resolution for Distance Education Budget

Whereas, every course offered by Laney, regardless of modality, utilizes the Canvas Learning Management System and various Learning Tools Interoperability (LTIs), and every online or hybrid course must use Canvas per AP4105,

Whereas, every course offered by Laney must satisfy legal requirements associated with Section 508 of the Americans with Disability Act and ensure that information on Canvas is accessible to all students, employees, and members of the public,

Whereas, the district budget for LTIs and accessibility support has been drastically reduced in AY 2022-2023, and there is a lack of transparency for this budget,

Whereas, all LTIs and accessibility supports are currently funded through the District Distance Education budget,

Whereas, LTIs are used by all faculty and students,

Whereas, in order to satisfy the legal requirements associated with Section 508 of the Americans with Disability Act, accessibility remediation tools are required for all courses that use Canvas,

Resolved, the funding for all instructional software (including LTIs) and accessibility remediation should be prioritized in a transparent manner with input from faculty senate and delegated to the Fund 1 Budget.

Resolved, the Distance Education budget should be augmented to cover LTIs and Accessibility support costs and should be institutionalized (funding for each fiscal year) effective AY 2023-2024.