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Topic: **California Virtual College-Online Education Initiative**

**CVC-OEI Mission Statement*:******Increase student completion of transfer degrees by working together to increase access to quality online courses and***

***support services for students.***

Formed in 2014 through a grant awarded to Foothill DeAnza CCD. Renewed in 2018 and budgeted by California Legislature at $20 million annually, which includes the purchase of Canvas for 114 California Community Colleges. Additional one-time $35 million grant (19-20FY) to merge CVC-OEI and create bridge to Online College. Grants to be awarded from this fund to colleges seeking to improve online pathways.

**CVC-OEI Consortium Colleges Agreement:** Colleges that apply for and are accepted to the CVC-OEI Consortium agree to work to align 20% of their online course **sections** that are CSU Breadth/IGETC to the **OEI Course Design Rubric.**

The Course Design Rubric is an effective practices guide and professional development tool that describes intuitive design and navigation that integrates student services, course and unit objectives, instructor presence practices, and frequent, varied assessments that are linked to objectives.

Faculty work with **local Peer Online Course Review** teams to align their courses. CVC-OEI just announced grants that could be used to provide incentives for faculty to work on their courses as well as stipends to peers. The Districtwide Distance Education Council has developed a mentoring program to accomplish this.

**Consortium colleges receive:**

Cranium Café platform: Used by counseling to schedule and deliver online counseling, but also can be used by financial aid, Veterans Centers, and any student services that can be provided remotely.

Net Tutor: 500 hours of tutoring per year provided by college graduates

Smarter Measure: Readiness modules prepared for faculty to embed

Notebowl: a social media-style platform for student communications

Name Coach: Allows students and faculty to say their names, attach to profiles and email signatures.

**CVC-OEI Course Exchange:** When this is fully operable in Spring 2020, it will allow students at Consortium Colleges to enroll at their home college, with proof of residency, financial aid, transcripts, progress and other records shared across a secure integrated platform. Seven colleges now participating in this proof of concept.

Courses that have completed the POCR review and submission to CVC-OEI will receive badges, and will float to the top of searches.

**Course Finder:** For now, the Finish Faster Online site functions as an online course finder for students looking for courses to complete degrees. This site is being updated nightly through files provided by our District Office.