



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
**ONLINE EDUCATION**  
INITIATIVE

ACCESS | QUALITY | COMPLETION

## Introduction

Welcome to the April 15, 2016 Weekly Update from the Online Education Initiative! These updates are intended to keep our pilot college single-points-of-contact (SPOCs) in the loop with the week-to-week developments of the OEI that impact your colleges.

Please remember that as SPOCs, we expect that you are disseminating information with colleagues at your institution, particularly your **Academic Senate, Vice Presidents, and Presidents**. This helps close the information gap between various statewide groups and makes sure that your college community is all on the same page.

Happy reading!

## Coming Up...

### **\*\*For Faculty:**

Next Course Review Deadline - May 23. NOTE: Full Launch faculty who plan to participate in the initial launch of the Exchange should plan to have their next (and hopefully) final review during this review cycle.

Upcoming OEI Canvas Faculty Support Calls [\(Schedule\)](#)

Each weekly call is an opportunity for faculty to ask questions regarding Canvas. The videoconference can be accessed directly by going to

<http://bit.ly/CanvasFSC> or join by phone: 646.568.7788,

Meeting ID 351-046-7828

**Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 pm**

CCC Canvas Call [\(Schedule and Access Information\)](#)

Access for this weekly call can be found in the CCC Canvas Community. The focus of the April 21 call will be "Quizzes". Join the CCC Canvas Community to access archived calls.

**Thursday, April 21, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Reminder - the Canvas calls are for any faculty teaching in Canvas. If you are a college

that has made the Canvas move, please share the call information with your faculty.

**\*\*For all SPOCs:**

The Pilot College Implementation Call is switching from a weekly call to a monthly call.  
The calls will now happen on the first Monday of each month.

The next call will be on:

**Monday, May 2, at 1:00 pm.**

The Face 2 Face Consortium meeting will be at the Marriott Natomas, in Sacramento

**Friday, May 6, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**Please look for the Eventbrite Evite and mark the box YES if you need a hotel reservation for May 5th.**

**Kindly respond by April 21, for room reservations. You may also use the link to register:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/may-6-2016-oei-consortium-meeting-tickets-24356532043>

The summer Consortium Meeting will be online on Thursday,  
**July 14, at 10:30 am**

**\*\*See below for more event details.**

---

---

## IN THE NEWS

### Non-Pilot College Employs OEI Resources

The OEI has been working with 24 pilot colleges for well over a year to implement the variety of Distance Education resources the initiative has produced. But what's happening at the colleges that are not included in the formal pilot phases? OEI Executive Director Pat James interviewed Donna Greene, an instructional designer from College of the Desert, about the college's decision to independently adopt OEI tools.

[Read the interview here.](#)

---

## Canvas Accessibility Testing & Evaluation (CATE)

The non-profit professional organization Access Technologists in Higher Education Network (ATHEN) has completed accessibility testing of the Canvas LMS and has released their findings in a detailed report (link below). The report describes Canvas as "technically accessible in most areas" but also identified some areas for improvement.

The CATE report goes beyond simple automated testing to provides a comprehensive overview of the functional usability of Canvas with a range of assistive technologies and browsers. The report has been shared with Instructure as part of the ongoing collaboration between Instructure and the ATHEN Canvas Accessibility User Group. Both parties have agreed to continue working together to address issues raised in the report and to improve on the already impressive accessibility and usability of Canvas.

For more information on the ATHEN Canvas Accessibility Testing & Evaluation report or any other online accessibility issues, please contact Jayme Johnson at [jjohnson@ccconlineed.org](mailto:jjohnson@ccconlineed.org).

CATE Report Link:

<http://blog.bargirangin.com/2016/04/canvas-testing-evaluation-cate.html>

---

## OEI Course Review and ID Consultation

### Instructional Design Consultation

Prior to review, initial or re-review, an ID consult is highly recommended. Please use this link to up an appointment for instructional design support -<http://oei.onefortraining.org/course-to-ccms-process/step-2-instructional-design-support/>

### Course Review

Ready for an initial review or a re-review? Please provide designer access to [info@onefortraining.org](mailto:info@onefortraining.org) in a copy of your course. We do not want access to your live course. Depending on your local Canvas implementation, you may or may not need assistance from your technical support to make this happen.

### Application for Initial Course Review

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CourseReviewApp2>

---

## Canvas Support Calls

REMINDER: the Canvas calls are for any faculty teaching in Canvas. If you are a college that has made the Canvas move, please share the call information with your faculty. Information regarding both calls can be found at

<http://bit.ly/CFSC-Sch.>

This week's **Canvas Faculty Support Call** is on **Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00pm**. To join a call, simply go to <https://cccconfernow.zoom.us/j/3510467828>

Or join by phone:

+1 646 558 8656 or +1 408 638 0968 US Toll

Meeting ID: 351-046-7828

**CCC Canvas Calls** are held weekly on Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Each week's call focuses on a selected topic. **The focus next week, April 21, will be "Quizzes"**.

The CCC Canvas Call is an opportunity for members of the CCC Canvas Community to share their experiences using Canvas. Join the CCC Canvas Call to ask questions, learn from your peers, and contribute to the development of a system to support the learning and achievement of our students.

In order to access the call information, you must become a member of the Canvas Community and then a member of the CCC Canvas Group. You can access the Community at <https://community.canvaslms.com/welcome>. After doing so, you'll need to set up a Community profile. If you don't complete your profile, it will delay your access to the CCC Canvas Group.

Here is a video on how to set up your Community profile:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfFAKZ8LjAM>

After you have created a Canvas Community Profile, please go here and click "Ask to Join" on the page: <https://community.canvaslms.com/groups/ccc>

---

**WCET and Blackboard Webcast:**

**Federal EdTech Legislation and Regulations that You Need**

## to Follow

### **May 4 Webcast. Part I in a series of Blackboard and WCET webcasts.**

It is likely the Higher Education Act of 1965 will NOT be reauthorized this year. Meanwhile, there are still many issues that need resolution. In both legislation and regulations, there are several actions that will impact those of us in the educational technology and distance education communities.

Hear about some of the key issues in play from our witty and wise panelists. You will also have an opportunity to ask your own questions. Register for free the May 4 webcast.

Follow the Twitter feed at #WCETwebcast.

The webcast is free and open to all and will take place at Noon MDT/2 EDT. You will receive the access link the day before the live webcast. The session will be recorded and made available on the webpage within seven days.

---

## Upcoming Workshops

### Applying the OEI Course Design Rubric

Friday, April 29 @ Gavilan College

Friday, May 6 @ College of Marin

---

Martha Rubin  
OEI Administrative Associate  
[mrubin@ccconlineed.org](mailto:mrubin@ccconlineed.org)