



Peralta Distance Education Committee Resolution
Regarding Necessary Online Student Services and Support
April 2019

WHEREAS, the Peralta colleges increasingly offer online and hybrid classes;

WHEREAS, providing online student services and support is a regulatory mandate;

WHEREAS, providing adequate online student services and support is an essential component of addressing equity gaps that exist in student retention and success;

WHEREAS, one goal of Peralta's approved [Distance Education Plan](#) is "to support students in achieving success in distance education courses, Peralta CCD will provide resources, support, and services that are specific to online students, are necessary to close achievement gaps, and meet regulatory requirements";

WHEREAS, in February of 2016 the DE Committee passed a resolution that highlighted Peralta's lack of online student services and support;

WHEREAS, online student services and support at Peralta remain only marginally better than they were in 2016;

WHEREAS, student retention and success in online courses will increasingly become necessary for the colleges to meet their strategic enrollment goals and stay fiscally viable under the new Student Centered Funding Formula;

WHEREAS, the only funds designated for distance education are in a district office budget and remain woefully insufficient;

WHEREAS, the colleges have not to date received funding designated specifically for distance education programming, support, or services; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that

- the \$1,484,711 budget request in the PCCD DE Annual Program Update for FY20 be fully funded in order for the district office to provide adequate DE infrastructure and support to the colleges;
- implementing and improving online student services and support be the priority of district office administrative efforts and funds; and
- each college receive new funds in the amount of \$500,000 to support the growth of its DE program.