Academic Senate

Resolution 2.13  Enhanced Course Communication and Academic Success by Creating Course Shells for all Hartnell Classes

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Passed:  Unanimously

Whereas, Academic success and persistence for enrolled students is dependent upon increased opportunities for instructor and peer communication;

Whereas, the availability of the college Etudes course management system facilitates enduring and visible communication throughout a course, and offers mentoring, communication, and pedagogical benefits to both faculty and students;

Whereas, multiple studies have shown web-enhanced courses to be effective in improving the delivery of face to face courses, particularly for large lecture courses;

Whereas, the presence of a course management system offers a platform and opportunity for students in all courses to practice improvement and enhancement of valued 21st century Information, Communication, and Technology (ICT) skills;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Hartnell College supports the creation of course shells for all courses offered at Hartnell College. The utilization of the course shells to support a course offering will not be required but will be encouraged, mentored, and supported based upon the expectation of elevated ICT proficiency and improved academic outcomes.

Resolved, the Academic Senate of Hartnell College recommends that ongoing training and support be provided for all full and part-time faculty.