



NORCO
COLLEGE

Distance Education Committee

Agenda | March 12th, 2026 | 12:50 pm |

Room: IT 206 & [ZOOM](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Voting Members 13; Quorum 7)

- Sandra Popiden (Faculty Co-Chair, Social & Behavioral Sciences)
- Roger Perez (Dean), Administrative Co-Chair
- Laura Adams (Social & Behavioral Sciences)
- Caroline Hutchings (Math, Engineering, Computer Science & Game Development)
- Eric Doucette (Business and Management)
- Suzie Witmer (Natural Sciences, Health and Kinesiology)
- Sara Nafzgar (Communication, Humanities, and Languages)
- Anya-Kristina Marquis (Natural Science, Health and Kinesiology)
- Alexis Gray (Social and Behavioral Sciences)
- Melissa Wilson (Social and Behavioral Sciences)
- Cheryl Cox (Library Services)
- Tamara Cummings (Social and Behavioral Sciences)
- Silvio Castillo (ASNC Representative)

VISITORS

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- Welcome

- Note-taker

2. Action Items

- 2.1. Approval of [Agenda 3/12/2026](#)

- First –
- Second –
- Status –

- 2.2. Approval of [Minutes \(12/11/2025 DEC Meeting\)](#)

- First –
- Second –
- Status –

- 2.3 MVC Request to Update RCCD [BP 2105](#)

- First –
- Second –
- Status –

- 2.4 MVC Request to Update [RCCD DE RSI Guidelines](#)

- First –
- Second –
- Status –

3. Discussion Items

- 3.1 **District DE:** Certification Updates on Equivalency and Peer-to-Peer Workgroup Pathways
- 3.2 **RSI Communication and Monitoring Plan:** Update on Request to APC to Add to Course Syllabus Shell

- 3.3 **RSI Workgroup** & ACCJC Accreditation Visit Updates
 - [RSI Self-Check form](#)
 - [RSI Support Request Form](#)
 - [District DE Workshop Series](#)
 - College Specific RSI Templates Now Available in DesignPlus New Pages and Canvas Commons
- 3.4 **Accessibility Workgroup** Updates
 - New Title II of ADA (Department of Justice) [WCAG 2.1 Level AA](#) Legal Accessibility Standards and Spring 2026, College Compliance Deadline
 - Use PopeTech to Clear Accessibility Errors and Alerts
 - Use Link Validator to Ensure Course Links are Valid
- 3.5 **District DE Tools** Budgetary Concerns and Updates (ie. Funding & [DE Tools Process](#))
 - Current DE Tools Budget: \$199,000.00
 - Need: \$428,069.85
 - Short: - \$229,069.85
 - UDOIT (Universal Design Online Content Inspection Tool) no longer available
 - Ally has diagnostic capacity, but limited functionality for conducting accessibility fixes – use PopeTech
 - Pronto – Unlikely to be renewed by District DE

4. Information Items

- 4.1 [NC DEC NAS Update](#)
- 4.2 **District DE just developed a NEW partnership with @ONE to offer exclusive RCCD only enrollment in the following 3 @ONE courses:**
 - **10-10-10: Communication that Matters**
 - **Introduction to Course Design**
 - **Creating Accessible Course Content**
 - @ONE – RCCD Faculty Only Registration Information:
 - Enroll Now for the Exclusive RCCD Only Cohorts: April, May, and June 2026.
 - Faculty only need to complete one (1) course to meet the [RCCD Online Teaching Certification requirements](#).
 - Registration Link: Access the [RCCD @ONE Interest Form](#) to secure a seat (first-come, first-served).

- Status Check: You can verify your current certification status within the DE Instructor Resources shell in Canvas.
 - For Questions: Contact DJ Hawkins (District DE)
- **4.3 RSI Sub Committee Resources**
 - Asynchronous Support - [Submit the RSI Support Request Form](#)
 - New NC, RCC, and MVC Branded RSI Templates: Now available through **Design Plus**, click on the DesignPLUS Quick Start Wizard when you open a NEW Canvas Page. Look under “General” for our Norco College RSI templates.
 - For even more BONUS RSI templates and materials that can easily be imported directly to your Canvas course, go to **Canvas Commons**, and **search Norco College RSI!**
- **4.4 Accessibility Sub Committee Resources**
 - RCCD Canvas [Accessibility Guide](#)
 - RCCD [Accessibility Webinars](#) and Tutorials on PopeTech and TidyUp
 - RCCD [Accessibility Basics](#) Video Library
 - [Accessibility Video Hub](#): learn about UDOIT, Tidyup, and Design Plus Cidilab tools
 - Playlab: [Universal Access Bot](#), which is an AI tool that converts PDFs into accessible documents
 - [LUDIA](#): A free, AI-powered [chatbot](#) that helps educators apply the [Universal Design for Learning](#) (UDL) framework to reduce learning barriers
 - NC Top [Accessibility Challenges Across](#) the College
- **4.5 District DE Resources:**
 - RSI Module located in faculty [DE Instructor Resource](#) Shell and [RSI Interactions Learning Modules](#) is also available
 - Fall 2025 District DE Workshop Series: Recordings now available of all the RCCD DE workshop sessions (on AI, RSI, Accessibility, Canvas Tools and Discussions) are available on the District DE Faculty Training (DEFT) [Video Library](#)
 - TextExpander Tool Training: Check out [introduction videos, in-depth TextExpander webinars, and best practices!](#)
 - VoiceThread Tool Training: [Register for current & review previous VoiceThread workshops.](#)

- [AI Webinars for 2025 - 2026, \(Registration Link\)](#) – Next Chapter in AI: Integration and Best Practices
 - Apr 28, 2026 12:00 PM
 - May 1, 2026 12:00 PM
- CCC's [AI Professional Development](#) and the Future of Learning Opportunities Website – including video archive of past AI webinar recordings; podcasts; conferences and courses on AI.
- **4.6 CVC Adoptable POCR [Plug and Play Courses](#):**
 - Aligned with the [CVC@ONE Course Design Rubric](#), using OER resources, and can be badged through the faculty member's own Local POCR process. (When RCCD develops local POCR processes).
 - The first six are available through Canvas Commons and check out this [POCR Plug and Play webinar](#) for more details.
 - COMM C1000: Introduction to Public Speaking
 - ENGL C1000: Academic Reading and Writing
 - ENGL C1001: Critical Thinking and Writing
 - STAT C1000: Introduction to Statistics
 - POLS C1000: American Government and Politics
 - PSYC C1000: Introduction to Psychology
- **4.7 Support for New Faculty:**
 - [DE Certification Options & Information](#)
 - [Canvas Shell Access Form](#)
 - [RCCD Canvas Pre-Built Templates](#): 16-Week; 8-Week; 6-Week
 - New Norco College RSI Templates on [Canvas Commons](#)

5. Good of the Order

6. Adjournment

Distance Education Committee

Statement of Purpose:

The Distance Education Committee develops guidelines for distance education courses and recommends to the Senate policies and procedures for distance education training of faculty and students. The committee advises strategic planning committees on institutional needs and the institutionalization of best practices in DE modalities.

Examples include DE certification, accessible course design, and DE professional development training that supports faculty and student success at Norco College. The DEC also recommends to the college, and the district, requisite tools needed by faculty for effective, accessible, and equitable instruction.

Charge:

The Distance Education Committee is primarily responsible for making recommendations that assist faculty in the creation and implementation of well-designed courses. This includes the utilization of current online teaching approaches and best practices that take into consideration the wide range of diversity in our student body. Thereby ensuring that DE courses are equity minded and supportive of students' learning needs.

The committee will engage in the institution's collaborative efforts to close all identified student equity gaps (Goal 3 EMP) in the online environment. This includes professional development opportunities and identifying and connecting with internal, external, and district resources, tools and support.

DEC Meeting Schedule Spring 2026

DEC Meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, 12:50 – 1:50pm

- **March 12 (IT 206)**
- **April 9 (NOC 102)**
- **May 14 (NOC 102)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rccd-edu.zoom.us/j/84979037240?pwd=7iPBbQtbRXltMF9F2FY5gWCDfYgoQV.1>

Meeting ID: 849 7903 7240, Passcode: 682220