

Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate Resolution S18-B:
Regular and Effective Contact for Online Courses
Proposed by the Distance Education Committee

WHEREAS The CCCCO DE Guidelines (2008) stipulate that “districts and/or colleges will need to define ‘effective contact’ including how often, and in what manner instructor-student interaction is achieved [in online classes]. It is important to document regular effective contact and how it is achieved. Since regular effective contact was declared an academic and professional matter, this documentation must include demonstration of collegial consultation with the academic senate” (page 7); and

WHEREAS From 2013 to 2016, MJC’s Regular Effective Contact policy was contained within its “Online Course Design Rubric” and was in effect until the MJC Academic Senate resolved to replace it with the OEI Rubric (Senate Resolution S16-G), which does not contain a Regular Effective Contact policy; and

WHEREAS In January 2018 MJC received a recommendation from ACCJC to address concerns regarding Regular Effective Contact in online courses; and

WHEREAS A new Regular Effective Contact policy has been created based on research involving ACCJC and Title 5 guidelines as well as a thorough review of the REC policies in effect at other California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS The MJC DE Committee voted, at its February 14, 2018 meeting, to propose the attached Regular Effective Contact for Online Courses policy to the Senate for adoption;

THEREFORE Be it resolved that the MJC Academic Senate supports adopting the attached Regular Effective Contact for Online Courses policy for online courses; and

THEREFORE Be it further resolved that the MJC Curriculum Committee review the Distance Education Addendum to reflect the Regular Effective Contact policy, as needed.

First Reading: February 15, 2018

Final Reading:

Disposition: