

TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC) BY NIKI WHITESIDE, VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Technology is changing. This change is not just in the computer we use for work, the cellphone we carry, or the car we drive, but also in the resources available for use by our students. If you have recently been visited by a publisher representative, you have no doubt heard about their online resources that can include everything from digital text to a repository of activities students can take advantage of to practice their newly learned knowledge and skills. In addition, the ready access to online videos and text provides a wealth of information at our fingertips. But what does this really mean for you and your students?

With the increase of digital content, faculty should consider issues associated with accessibility, FERPA, data security, and integration and compatibility with SJC systems. Each of these carries a list of questions and concerns to consider and to make a difference in students successfully using the content. The answers can also make a difference in the College remaining in compliance with external expectations for some issues.

SJC has created the **Technology Accessibility Review Committee (TARC)** to support faculty during the adoption of course materials. This is a committee comprised of representatives including faculty, Educational Technology, Accessibility Services, Information Technology Services, the Registrar's Office, and Marketing. The role of this group is to review the areas mentioned above, not to review the content of the proposed materials. The goal is to make sure these considerations are addressed prior to final adoption and to work with the faculty to address any issues or concerns that may arise. This allows the faculty to have course materials that are accessible to support the students when classes begin.

The Course Materials Adoption Guidelines have been updated to include TARC and provide information on how to submit course materials. This document can be found on The Exchange, the College's internal website. If you have any questions, send an email to TARC@sjcd.edu.

FRAMEWORK FRIDAYS

EdTech is offering trainings during Framework Fridays on each campus from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Training topics to be offered are listed below. Detailed class descriptions and registration is available through the Cornerstone System.

- ETID 1316:** ACAdemic Success and Retention
- ETID 1320:** Getting Started with Accessible Course Design
- ETID 1321:** How Course Mapping Can Help You Develop A Course
- BKBD 9098:** GradeCenter 202: Beyond The Basics

DISTANCE LEARNING CERTIFICATION

All faculty assigned to teach a Distance Learning course must complete ACAdemic Learning prior to their assigned semester. Dates are now available through Summer 2017. Registration is available through the Cornerstone System.

SPRING 2017
Section 3: March 27 - May 5, 2017

SUMMER 2017
Section 1: May 22 - June 30, 2017
Section 2: June 12 - July 21, 2017
Section 3: June 26 - August 4, 2017

