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Distance Education Committee

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Charge of the Committee:

The Distance Education Committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining standards for the quality, accessibility, and integrity of distance education at Valley College. The committee maintains faculty oversight of distance education pedagogy, course quality standards, regular and substantive interaction policy, accessibility and ADA compliance for online courses, and faculty preparation for online and hybrid instruction. The committee develops, reviews, and recommends policies that ensure distance education courses meet the same standards of rigor, equity, and student engagement as face-to-face instruction, consistent with Title 5 §§55200–55210 and ACCJC standards. Recommendations are forwarded to the Academic Senate for final action. (Updated 8.31.26)

Mission of the Committee:

The mission of the Distance Education Committee is: The Distance Education Committee advances SBVC's mission by fostering a high-quality online learning environment that is inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all students. (Updated 11/7/2025)

Members of the Committee-2026-2028

Faculty Co-Chair: Davena Burns-Peters

Administrative Co-Chair: Lorrie Burnham

Adminstrative Support: Paola Garrido

Committee Membership

Name	Division/Department	Representation
Michael Assumma	Academic Services, Business & Computer Technology	Faculty
Kevin Lyons	Arts and Humanities	Faculty
Shelly Mahpar	Arts and Humanities	Faculty
Natalie Peterkin	Arts and Humanities	Faculty
Michael Slusser	Arts and Humanities	Faculty
Garry Parker	Career Technical Education	Faculty
Elizabeth Banuelos	Counseling & Student Development	Faculty
Rema Ghazaleh	Counseling & Student Development	Faculty
Maria Lopez	Counseling & Student Development	Faculty
Reshmi Kappattil	Health Science	Faculty
Todd Heibel	Science & Mathematics	Faculty
Thomas Lechuga	Science & Mathematics	Faculty
Tammy Allen	Social Science & Human Development	Faculty
Sandra Moore	Social Science & Human Development	Faculty
Brandy Nelson	Social Science & Human Development	Faculty
Adam Pave	Social Science & Human Development	Faculty
Wei-Chung Wang	Social Science & Human Development	Faculty
TBD	ASG/Student Senate	Student

Meeting Schedule

1st and 3rd Thursdays: August to May

3:00-5:00 pm

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Interested faculty, staff, administrators, and students are always welcome to attend these meetings.

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