DE Committee Report Out to Academic Senate – 3/25

- In place of our regularly scheduled April meeting, DE Committee members will be participating in and helping lead campus conversations in the **Reclaiming Joy: Human-First Teaching in the AI Era** conference on Friday, April 17, 2026, 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. Faculty will be able to attend in one of two ways – a "Campus Watch Party" in LPC's Computer Center or individual online attendance. Kat sent out information on Monday via email, or you can learn more on our **PD calendar,** where you'll also find opportunities to attend shorter webinars throughout the term.
- The "Einstein" agentic AI tool that had been advertising itself to students as a way to complete courses has been taken down after Instructure (Canvas' parent company) filed a cease and desist for potentially violating its terms of service. There will likely be "copy cat" tools that pop up, so despite this small win, we'll need to continue our ongoing conversations about adapting our teaching and learning practices in the "AI era."
- The CCC Digital Center is offering an **AI Policy and Practice interactive series** in April/May that may be of interest to Senators and others leading conversations around AI on campus.
- We've updated our **Web Accessibility webpage** with curated resources that can help both faculty and staff meet the standards outlined in **ESS 26-17: Accessibility Standards and Revised ADA Title II Regulations**. As a reminder – anything online must meet web accessibility standards (WCAG 2.1 Level AA). This includes all content in Canvas, whether your course is on campus or online. We know this work will take time - our goal is progress over perfection.
- Many of our DE training materials need updates and are in the process of being refreshed or retired:
    - Our faculty Online Course Development Program and model template are currently being revised; we hope to have the new resources available beginning in Fall 2026.
    - DE Committee members are working on updating the DE Committee Course Review Form to align with updates to the minimum standards for DE in 19E of the new faculty contract. (This is the checklist our members use to review courses when an instructor does not complete our Online Course Development Program or equivalent training.)
    - Our student "Quest" course, which had been used to onboard students to Canvas/online learning will be retired. We'll send out more information for faculty soon about replacement options that align with updates to the faculty contract: using a district-provided "How to Navigate Canvas" video or instructor-created content.