

LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Memorandum of Understanding with
LOS RIOS COLLEGE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

Background

Pope Tech provides real-time check of accessibility status of Canvas pages for those in the Teacher role in Canvas shells. It also provides guidance for remediating accessibility issues. Pope Tech quickly scans a Canvas page—revealing accessibility errors such as color contrast and formatting problems. Results in Pope Tech are divided into easily understandable categories with plain-English explanations for how to fix problems.

The Educational Technology Committee and District Academic Senate support enabling Pope Tech for all LRCCD Canvas courses effective Fall 2021, as a benefit to students, with the understanding that Pope Tech information cannot and will not be used to penalize instructors as part of the peer review evaluation process. The Educational Technology Committee also recommends that, concurrent with enabling Pope Tech, a communication be sent to instructors with links to resources explaining how to use Pope Tech, what the student view of Pope Tech looks like, and suggestions for explaining how students can take advantage of the alternate formats Pope Tech provides.

Intent

To implement the recommendations of the Educational Technology Committee and District Academic Senate to enable Pope Tech in all Canvas courses while ensuring that information related to Pope Tech is not used as part of any faculty evaluation and that faculty are not penalized for information related to the use of Pope Tech.

Agreement

- The parties agree that effective for Fall 2021 and subsequent semesters, all LRCCD Canvas courses will have Pope Tech automatically enabled.
- The parties agree that prior to enabling Pope Tech for all courses in Canvas, faculty will receive communication about Pope Tech with links to resources explaining how to use PopeTech, what the student view of Pope Tech looks like, and suggestions for explaining how students can take advantage of the alternate formats Pope Tech provides.
- The parties agree that Pope Tech will not be used as part of any faculty evaluation and that faculty will not be penalized for information related to the use of Pope Tech.

Signed by:

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