

**Online Distance Education (ODE) Committee
Annual Report
AY 2025-2026**

Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, October 8, 2025
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Membership

Eric Busby, Bernardo Canteñs, Rachel Carvajal, Yen-Shin Chen, Kendall Craig, Minerva Gonzalez, Jennifer Haan, Michelle Lacey, Thomas Matula, Cynthia McAlistar, Angela McGuyer, Jennifer Miller-Ray, Tim Parsons, Laura Payne, Dominic Percoco, Anthony Quintana, Jawanna Sanderson, Ray Scheel, Mainudin Shaik, Alicia Trotman, Julie Vega, Candace Ward, Melissa Wesley

Key Activities and Projects

- Online Teaching Excellence Award
 - Request for nominations for 2nd year have been announced
 - Online Teaching Excellence Award Showcase
 - Winners presented their courses to faculty
 - Courses are available for exploration by all faculty
- “AI Thursdays @ SRSU”

The purpose of AI Thursdays is to begin an open and ongoing conversation among faculty and staff about artificial intelligence and its broad implications for higher education. Each session will be informal and designed to be both informative and enjoyable. Our goal is to create a vibrant, collegial space for curiosity, dialogue, and professional growth. Guest lecturers:

 - Dr. Diana Rodriguez, Sul Ross State University
 - Dr. Jennifer Miller-Ray, Sul Ross State University
 - Dr. Mainuddin Shaik, Sul Ross State University
 - Dr. Ashley Dockens, Lamar University
- Title II Accessibility
 - Collaborated with SHSU to train faculty in digital accessibility requirements
 - Developed plan to review all sandboxes in Blackboard for accessibility
- Best Practices for Dual Credit Instruction
 - Created course based on principles of “First Year Seminar” offered to first year university students. To be taught by ISD personnel to support dual credit student success in online coursework.