

Context of the “Resolution Addressing Planning and Other Technology Challenges at Miramar College”

I have dedicated many hours beyond my role as a faculty member advocating for better technology resources for faculty and students. While the details of numerous meetings, projects, and documentation related to these technology issues is vast and exhaustive, here is a succinct summary of the work I’ve done:

- **Documentation of technology issues:** Since the fall of 2022, I have been documenting significant technology issues raised by colleagues, and have been reporting them to leadership, including the Department Chairs, Dean, Union, Academic Senate President, Miramar College President, and administration.
- **Meetings with stakeholders:** From the spring of 2023 until now, I have met with faculty, AFT representatives, administration, and AV/IT services to address technology concerns and provide input.
- **Specific processes to improve the state of technology:** Further, I have provided input on the **Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER)**, added to **Program Review**, worked with the School of Liberal Arts on **Block Grant Requests**, worked on creating and refining the **Technology Plan** in collaboration with Technology Committee Co-Chair, and participated in **Website Taskforce** meetings, **District’s Educational Services Software Workgroup (ESSW)**, and **Technology Committee** meetings.
- **Data collection:** We designed and distributed a **Technology Survey (Spring 2023)**, to collect data on technology concerns, confirmed as the first of its kind by Institutional Effectiveness, who then distributed an updated version in Fall 2023.
- After canvassing the campus on software training needed, created web pages for **Microsoft 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud** training materials.
- Researched and proposed solutions for **HyFlex, ADA compliance, and subscription tools**.
- Was appointed Faculty Technology Liaison during the spring of 2024 and have co-chaired the Technology Committee from August 2023 until present.

Despite continuous efforts, the process remains slow, and improvements have been incremental at best due to missed and delayed meetings at various levels, as well as unheeded calls in data acquisition. Addressing these technology issues requires sustained advocacy, district accountability, and increased resource allocation. Lastly, the reprimand referenced in the resolution is an example of a lack of openness and collaboration in decision-making. Addressing systemic practices that affect technology planning, resource allocation, and campus-wide decision-making are well within the Senate’s purview under 10+1.