How does online education help or hinder MCC's mission & goals?

Please discuss this question in your groups in regard to the mission and each goal below, and record your thoughts. Other groups may be working in this document at the same time as you, so to minimize conflicts please work in the appropriate table-numbered area for each question.

MISSION

The MiraCosta Community College District mission is to provide educational opportunities and student-support services to a diverse population of learners with a focus on their success. MiraCosta offers associate degrees, university-transfer courses, career-and-technical education, certificate programs, basic-skills education, and lifelong-learning opportunities that strengthen the economic, cultural, social, and educational well-being of the communities it serves.

Table	**Online ed may contribute by ...**	**Online ed may hinder by ...**
1	Can increase retention Can add to diverse student base by allowing for students who don't have access to transportation	Some may not have access to appropriate equipment, and could be more limiting to students of lower socio-economic status Lower completion rates Possibly lower faculty connection and personal impact
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3	continuing to engage the most diverse audiences relative to on-ground courses	focusing on the technology rather than the pedagogy: technology should always *support* the pedagog not the other way around
4	availability, accommodates diverse learning styles, continuously available course content, responds t different students, especially non traditional or those with different schedules, strengthens tech skills	lack of personal touch
5	allows more students access to college; attracts non-traditional students;	limited offerings in certain subjects b/c some don't lend selves well to online environment (labs better f-to-f, for ex.)
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7	access for students working full-time/w kids etc, more opportunities. geographically more flexible.	not all programs online. some students have a misperception that it will be easier than on-ground and don't do very well.
8	Affords flexibility, accessibility to meet needs of diverse population Forces student into a technology environment for workforce skills	
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10	Greater accessibility for some students (working, parents) - flexibility, anonymity encourages discussion, greater regional diversity (for community members), allows for professional development & lifelong learning	Accessibility is limited for some, less socioeconomic diversity, requires self-discipline, requires stronger reading & writing skills, requires technical skills

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11	24/7 access; access students from all over world; more online access for pedagogy/teaching; helps with veterans who are deployed etc; environmental plus cutting down on gas, electricity usage on campus; increase enrollment without impacting campus resources	Not enough tech support, faculty should not have to be the tech experts;possibility for cheating; time consuming to program to gear up;student anonymity; diversity may be invisible online;
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Goal I.

MiraCosta Community College District will become a vanguard educational institution committed to innovation and researched best practices, broad access to higher education, and environmental sustainability.

Table	**Online ed may contribute by ...**	**Online ed may hinder by ...**
1	May develop skills students may not have had before Provides a broader diverse base of students	Could be hindered by lack of funding
2	I. Increase student diversity (1.1); not passing out handouts (1.2)	I. Requires more server capacity and AIS staff
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4	technology skills, opens access, expands it, for more types of students, environmentally sustainble, reduces carbon footprints.	how would lab or hand-on courses (arts culinary) function with best practices
5	increases student diversity; reduction in paper and increase in telecommuting (reduce carbon ftprnt.); ability to address “best practices” may be more difficult in certain subjects; learning curve for instructors can be steep as well.	
6	Re: 1.2 Environmental, online learning reduces impact on environment - cars off road, less emmissions, etc. Re: 1.1 - more accessible, increases access to out of area students - also, 24/7 availability fits more people's schedules, further allowing access	
7	less traffic and pollution, better access for different demographic groups....	none
8	Cuts traffic/gas use; save $ through reduced use of paper, ink, time, building maintenance	Barrier to students who do not own printer or updated new computer. Frustrating for students with no tech skills.
9	serve more diverse population, at their pace/leisure with ability to repeat lecture/content to achieve m understanding,	
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11	using disruptive technology to educate will benefit students	
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Goal II.

MiraCosta Community College District will become the institution where each student has a high probability of achieving academic success.

Table	**Online ed may contribute by ...**	**Online ed may hinder by ...**
1	Students have asynchronous content that can be viewed multiple times that could increase the retention of information from the professors	Since many online classes have low retention rates, the probability for success is lessened
2	II. Online gives students greater flexibility to complete degree in a timely process (e.g., working students), some classes make online that might not onsite	II. Retention rate (seems to be slightly worse)
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4	provides increased writing opportunities, time management, tech familiarity, shy, hesitant, or reluctant students can participate more safely, excellent forum for disabled students who would have difficulty i traditional classroom settings, good way to assess group project participation, which individual did what, greater accountability	questions of who does work
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6	2.1: Online could be an encouraging environment for students less likely to participate in person (personality/shyness)	Re: 2.1, higher drop rate for online courses lowers course completion and student retention. 2.1: unrealistic expectations on part of students - response time, communication - same w/instructor, if not engaged fully w/students, time spent, etc. Harder to provide oversight of instructors Exchange of ideas amongst students could be different
7	motivated students do well	not motivated students don't do well
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11	great for students with time commitments with jobs family etc can work online into busy schedules	those who are not self starters tend to drop out; cheaters
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Goal III.

MiraCosta Community College District will institutionalize effective planning processes through the systematic use of data to make decisions.

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9	make measurable data available	
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11	easy to collect data with online classes/forums	
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Goal IV.

MiraCosta Community College District will demonstrate high standards of stewardship and fiscal prudence.

Table	Online ed may contribute by ...	Online ed may hinder by ...
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2	IV: Minimal overhead, High Fill Rate	IV: Are all our students California residents? (Not a large issue)
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9	enrollment increases without necessitating physical classroom changes = fiscal prudence	
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11	can handle up to 50 online students vs face to face/classroom instruction	
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Goal V.

MiraCosta Community College District will be a conscientious community partner.

Table	Online ed may contribute by ...	Online ed may hinder by ...
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2	V: Certainly, when onsite facilities are maxed out, online classes can continue to reach more students	V: Most fill before recently graduated H.S. students can enroll (so would need to offer more online sections)
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