

LRCCD/LRCFT
Memorandum of Understanding

LRCCD Deaf Culture and American Sign Language Studies Departments

Background

As the Los Rios Campuses return to on-ground instruction, Covid-19 and its variants still present a significant risk. Although masks are no longer mandated, it is still highly recommended that students, staff, and faculty continue to wear them.

Mask wearing protocols directly impact the pedagogy of classes taught in the Deaf Culture and American Sign Language Studies Departments across the District. For example, faculty and students must be able to see non-verbal facial expressions, to touch their face while signing. This is integral to reaching the student learning outcomes for their courses. For this reason, the District and Union agree to allow all courses to be taught online in Spring 2023.

Union and District also agree that they will work with the Deaf Culture and American Sign Language Studies Departments to map out a safe return to on-ground instruction for faculty and students for Fall 2023.

Agreements

1. LRCCD and the LRCFT agree to extend the Deaf Culture and American Sign Language Studies Department MOU for Spring 2023.
2. All courses will be offered in the online modality,
 - a. If the LRCCD is no longer under a local declaration of emergency, courses must have non-emergency DE approval from the curriculum committee.

LRCCD: Jamey Nye
Deputy Chancellor

Chanelle Whittaker
AVCHR

LRCFT: Jason Newman
President

Belinda Lum
Chief Negotiator