FacultyUpdateNewsletter

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CTL · Updates

If you plan to teach a course this summer, submit it using the form linked below. The earlier students know about your summer course offering, the stronger your enrollment will be! The CTL promotes online courses to students via email and Chapel announcements.

Rick Murphy has sent several emails about the textbook adoption window. If you are teaching in May, Summer, August, or Fall term, review these emails for important dates and instructions.

D2L · Updates

As online enrollment grows, it's important to be aware of how D2L can help with some of the management duties of instructors. Intelligent agents are a way to help you automate communication with students, or to send yourself a reminder about communication to send. For example, if students aren't accessing your course in the first week of term, you can automate an email either directly to those students or to yourself about their lack of access.
Using Intelligent Agents Article

D2L · Updates

Class Progress Settings is the first tool in the Progress menu. It can be used by Faculty or students as a way to snapshot all activity in a course. The items shown can be chosen by the instructor per course, so if you want to highlight specific areas of student performance / completion, you can adjust the Class Progress Settings.

Brightspace PULSE is an app for Android and iOS mobile devices (not including iPads) that helps students manage notifications for any items on the calendar, discussions, and news items in all their active courses. This app can be extremely beneficial, but it works best when dates are associated with assignments and activities within courses. For more details about the app and tips on making your course "Pulse-friendly," visit the Faculty Training & Resources Page in D2L and review the module titled "Brightspace Pulse Course Prep for Instructors."
We haven't started promoting the Brightspace PULSE app to students yet, but we encourage you to check out the resources and consider how it might benefit the students you know!

Upcoming Events

February 14: Crucial Conversations presented by Human Resources

February 21:
- Crucial Conversations presented by Human Resources
- Textbook adoption deadline for Summer/Fall (including May & August term)

February 22: "VoiceThread: A great tool for connecting with students outside the classroom" Learn Together Lunch with Brian Reinhard 11-12 & 12:30-1:30 with a free DC lunch!

March 1: Recommended deadline for submitting summer online course offerings.

March 7: Learn Together Lunch SLO conversations

March 12-16: Spring Break
- Online Courses-this is one of the 8 weeks Block 1

March 18: Last day of Block 1

Summer 2018 Course Proposal Submission Form

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