Fall 2010 Online Learning

Thirty-six fully online classes are offered with 1074 registered seats. This is an average of 29 students per class. 306 (28%) seats are from the towns outside the MxCC service area. Fall 2010 online course offerings reflect a slight increase (2.7%) over Fall '09 with 37 courses.

Four Fall '09 online courses are changed to on-ground for alternation and three new online sessions are added in Fall '10. Four hybrid courses are offered with 100 seats with an average class size of 25.

Seven Blackboard orientations and two math orientations were held for fully online students. 297 students took the READI test for the first time to assess their readiness in online learning.

READI Implementation at MxCC

Since Fall 2008, 1845 students took the READI test to assess their readiness in online learning.

- The data analysis of 4 semesters shows that the READI scores of Personal Attributes and Technology Competency significantly relate to online students' grades.
- In addition to assisting online students with technology skills, we added "Success Tips" to advising and orientation sessions, emphasizing that self-motivation, self-discipline, and time management play a big role in online learning success.
- The gap in percentages of a failing grade between online students vs. on-ground students have been narrowed after READI implementation.
- Given these results, we will continue using READI test to help online students.

Two presentations about READI implementation were done at the Post University Distance Learning Conference and the Success 2.0 Conference. The presentations are available at:

http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/Ed_Tech_News_1.asp

New Additions to Distance Learning Web site

"How To" Documentation center includes an ever-growing repository of instructional handouts that answer faculty's most frequently asked questions when using MyCommNet, Faculty Self-Service, and Blackboard Vista. They are available at:

http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/fdoc.asp

Want to verify access to MxCC online technologies? We now have posted the anticipated server downtime schedules for MyCommNet, Faculty Self-Service, and Blackboard Vista. They are available at:

http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/Downtime.asp

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Preparation for Spring 2011 Online, Hybrid, or Blackboard Enhanced Courses

Read the announcement regarding the Faculty/Student Views for Fall 2010 courses and Spring 2011 courses.

http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/FAnnouncement.asp

Blackboard Learn Implementation Timeline

Fall 2011
Pilot starts with 2 faculty from each of 12 colleges. Professor Marci Swede and Professor Terry McNulty will be piloting their courses.

Fall 2012
Full implementation for all courses starts.

Training Plan

Fall 2010
Distance Learning directors attended the BB Learn Administrative Training in October and the Tool Training for Distance Learning directors will be held 12/6 – 12/9 at MxCC.

Spring 2011
Educational Technology Specialists will take the BB Learn Tool Training in February. Training for pilot faculty will be scheduled.

Fall 2011 –Summer 2012
System-wide faculty training will be provided.

A memo of the timeline has been emailed to MxCC faculty by Dean Maslin.

For up-to-date MxCC BB Learn Implementation information, Distance Learning designed a web page at

http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/BbLearn.asp

What is new for Blackboard Learn?

Visit http://www.blackboard.com/Teaching-Learning/Learn-Platform.aspx

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