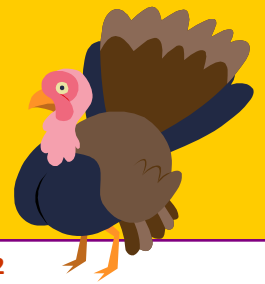




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Distance Learning now in Founders Hall

Distance Learning/Educational Technology offices have moved to Founders Hall Room 131 and Room 131A. Special thanks are given to Kim Hogan, maintenance crew, and IT staff who assisted us moving and quickly setting up furniture and computers.



All are invited to our **Open House PIE Social** on Monday, November 18th, from 11:30 am—1:00 pm in Founders 131. Please stop by to see our new place.

Distance Learning has new web pages

Our college is transitioning to a new website. The pages about distance learning and technology training are being moved to the new site. We are now reviewing the new pages to ensure all pages are transferred correctly. Thanks to Yvonne Page who helped us make the transition.

Blackboard Learn

To ensure stability of Blackboard system, BOR college presidents voted to move Blackboard system from in-house hosting to Blackboard, Inc. managed hosting. According to Joe McAuliffe, Interim CIO, "There will be no updates to a higher version of the software at the time of the transition, and faculty will not need to make any adjustments or changes to their courses, or learn any new functionality". However, there might be up to 72 hours Blackboard downtime during winter break. The exact dates of server downtime will be announced as it becomes available.

Two sessions of Getting Started with Blackboard will be held before the Spring semester: Tuesday, January 14th, 9:30am - 12:00pm and Wednesday, January 15th, 1:00pm-3:30pm. Seat reservation requests may be sent to mxccdistan@mxcc.edu.

Online Learning

Thirteen online courses are scheduled during Winter session, which will start on January 2nd and end on January 15th.

Forty-six online courses are scheduled for Spring 2014. Among them, six new courses are planned: BIO 260-Principles of Genetics, BES 118-Small Business Management, BBG 101-Intro to Business, ENG222-American Literature II, HIM 205 - Medical Coding I, and HIS 122-World Civilization.

Orientation sessions are scheduled to help Winter and Spring online students get started.

Mobile Learning Initiative

As the use of mobile devices is increasing, Distance Learning/Educational Technology will launch Mobile Learning Initiatives at MxCC in Spring 2014. We will offer mobile technology training to faculty and staff in Spring 2014. Stay tuned for topics and schedule.

Spring 2014 Technology Showcase: Engaging the 21st Century Learner

Sponsored by Center for Teaching, MxCC is planning to host a Technology Showcase: Engaging the 21st Century Learning, on Friday, March 7th. The conference is open to all Connecticut Higher Education faculty and staff.

More information about the conference and proposal submission can be found at <http://goo.gl/XYAQUn>. The deadline for submitting the conference proposal is December 13th.

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