



Blackboard Learn Implementation

Due to a Banner upgrade during the summer, there seemed to be more “off-sync” cases between Banner and Blackboard. Registered students did not see their courses or students still saw dropped courses in Blackboard. We did retriggers in Banner to add students to Blackboard or manually removed students or faculty from the Blackboard courses. Students and faculty are asked to contact Distance Learning for assistance.

During the winter break, Blackboard courses will be moved to a SaaS environment, a cloud-based system with high efficiency. As a result, the twelve community colleges will no longer share the same environment with the CSUs and Charter Oak.

- Winter 2016 courses will be using the current (non-SaaS) system. Winter courses have been unlocked to allow faculty to develop their courses. Students will be able to access winter courses on December 20th.
- Spring 2017 courses have been locked and will be available for faculty to access during winter break. Faculty who would like to work on their spring courses early should contact Distance Learning. Their courses will be unlocked but will be manually moved to SaaS during the winter break after December 26th. Students will be able to view Spring courses on Blackboard on January 16th.
- Courses back to 2.5 years will be archived in the SaaS system.
- Fall 2016 courses will be locked on December 21st in order to be moved to the SaaS. Faculty are asked to download the course Grade Center. Instructions are available at http://mxcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Download_GradeCenter_Columns.pdf

Distance Learning

Summer 2016

49 courses are offered with 934 seats (65% of overall summer seats) enrolled, and there is an average of 19 students per course. The registered seats reflect 13% decline from summer 2015. Two orientation sessions were offered to help new online students get started. To assist advising, syllabi of summer online courses were uploaded at <http://mxcc.edu/distance/online-classes>.

All summer online courses with student records and Grade Center were backed up and archived in Distance Learning.

Fall 2016

66 courses are offered with 1593 seats with an average of 24 students per course. The registered seats reflect 3% drop from Fall 2015. Six sessions of orientations for the first-time online students were provided. Syllabi from all fall online courses were uploaded to <http://mxcc.edu/distance/online-classes>.

As of May 2016, we offer 100+ career training online programs in partnership with Ed2Go. The applications to offer 9 Career Training online programs under Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act were approved. More information about MxCC Online Career Training programs may be found at <https://careertraining.ed2go.com/mxcc>

In collaboration with college academic success center, online tutoring service is currently offered to all MxCC students via Blackboard Virtual Campus site. Students may submit academic papers for a tutor to review and provide feedback. In addition, students may schedule an online tutoring session with a tutor for assistance in

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solving math problems. We encourage faculty to spread the word to their students so they may take the advantage of this service.

Educational Technology

We imported booster modules in life & health science to 25 Fall 2016 courses. If faculty would like to use a module in their course, please contact distance learning for a master list and make a request to import a module.

A special thank you is given to our student workers, Simran Kaur and Tyquan Crump, who offered Technology Clinics sessions during 15 New Student Orientations.

21st Century Classrooms

A presentation about Pegasus Green and 21st Century Classroom Phase III was made at the September Faculty meeting. A forum to discuss how to best use the Pegasus Green space will be scheduled at a time when the project is near completion.

The Instructional Technology Advisory team meeting was held on October 7th. Three proposals from STEM and Business school were evaluated. It was decided that the three proposals would be moved forward using college capital equipment fund. Two focus groups were formed to further discuss the proposals on designing a “maker” room and a large classroom that would engage students, faculty, and staff in exploring new technologies.

Educational Technology Training

We offered Technology Training workshops for new faculty during New Adjunct Orientation as well as Blackboard Grade Center training on the Adjunct Professional Development Day.

We provided the following technology Workshops

- Blackboard Grade Center and Online Tests
- LinkedIn 101
- Evaluating Online Courses
- For more training sessions scheduled in Fall 2016, please visit <http://mxcc.edu/ett>. Training request may be

Registration for training is required. Location for training will be given upon registration.

Complete schedule available at: <http://mxcc.edu/ett/>

Register by emailing mxccdistance@mxcc.commnet.edu with your name, phone number, date, time and title of the training session you would like to attend.

Evaluating Online Courses

This session will show and explain the procedure of evaluating online faculty based on 4Cs union approved guidelines. Online professors and program coordinators are welcome to attend.

Friday, 10/21/16 12:00 pm - 12:50 pm, Middletown campus

LinkedIn 201: Beyond the Basics

Have a LinkedIn profile and not quite sure what to do next? Want to finish off your profile? What are groups and how do I use them? How do I write a recommendation for a student or a professional colleague within LinkedIn? Learn how growing your professional network virtually via LinkedIn may enhance IRL (in real life) networking.

Tuesday, 10/25/16 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Middletown campus