



Fall 2019 Educational Technology Newsletter



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Blackboard Learn

A learning management RFP committee has been formed to start the process of evaluating and testing a few learning management systems and then make a decision on the learning management system (LMS) of our choice system-wide. It may take up to two years to complete the process.

In about two years, we will know which system we will be using in the next few years. Afterwards, a full implementation of a new LMS may take up to three years.

Distance Learning

Summer 2019

65 online courses were offered and 48 general education courses were required to use the MAP design format in course development. A total of 908 seats were registered reflecting a 5.5% reduction compared with of Summer 2018. Working with Dr. Sara Hanson and Dr. Fox, Distance Learning staff assisted the auditing of all MAP format courses.

Fall 2019

85 Online courses were offered and there were 27 MAP courses and 10 late start courses. A total of 1573 seats (up to 11/1/19) registered, reflecting a 3.9% decline from Fall 2018. Distance Learning staff audited all MAP courses.

Non-Credit Courses

Up to November 8, 2019, a total of 137 students enrolled to Ed2Go online courses/programs, 116 students are in 6-week classes and 21 students are in 6-12 months career training programs.

iTeach

Since Fall 2018, Dr. Yi Guan-Raczkowski has led a system-wide committee, iTeach Focus Group, to redevelop the iTeach Essentials training course. To obtain online teaching credentials, faculty need to complete a 6-week pedagogy course and a self-paced learning management system competency course. The focus group has completed the development of iTeach Essentials – Pedagogy course. The group is working on the self-paced competency course.

This fall, MxCC offered the pilot course, iTeach Essentials – Pedagogy. Fifteen faculty participants from five colleges enrolled in the course. The iTeach Essentials - Pedagogy course will be offered again in Spring 2020 from late February to mid-April. When the specific dates and cost are set, we will make an announcement to the MxCC community.

MxCC is looking into joining The State Authorization Reciprocal Agreement (SARA) so that we may market and recruit students from outside of Connecticut.

Educational Technology

Educational Technology Training in Fall 2019

We provided the following technology workshops:

- Getting Started with Blackboard
- Blackboard Grade Center and
- Blackboard Tests

More training will be offered:

- Protect Your Identity Online, Friday, November 22, 2019, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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Spring Registration Survey

We assisted in developing and distributing the Spring Registration Survey. 347 students have responded to the survey. The results will be shared with the Academic Leadership team.

Third Annual MxCC Technology Showcase

The third MxCC Technology Showcase was held Friday, November 8, 2019. The planning committee was co-chaired by Wei Cen, Sandra Couture, and Professor Richard Lenoce. 85 higher education faculty, IT, library, and distance learning staff members registered for the event. The event was sponsored by Center for Teaching, MxCC Foundation New Day Grant, as well as the MxCC CEO Office.

Dr. Katie Lynch of Rockland Community College (SUNY) gave a well-received keynote titled “Open, Sesame! Using Technology to Facilitate Open Pedagogy”. Nine breakout sessions were offered that covered such topics as Learners Love Lightboard Lectures, Making Mathematics Accessible, 360-degree video and photos, Virtual Reality (VR) Lounge, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy In An Online Environment, Utilizing Google Voice to Effectively Communicate with Students, and Using Mobile Technology to Motivate in Class and Online Learners.

The planning committee would like to thank all those who made this event possible. They include our sponsors Dr. Rebecca Loew from Center for Teaching, Dean Kim Hogan from the MxCC Foundation New Day Fund, and Dr. Steven Minkler from the MxCC CEO’s Office, Center for New Media faculty and staff John Shafer, Rick Eriksen, Dan Nocera, Todd Levesque, Elena Sanchez, and Kyon Wilson, The Learning Commons staff Director Melissa Behney, Lisa Gugliotti, and Lisa Gangone, Distance Learning Director Dr. Yi Guan-Raczkowski, IT director Annie Scott, Joe Macknicki, Jimmy Wyskiel, Yvonne Rubin, and Chris Grande, Audiovisual staff Mike Cavanaugh, MxCC CEO staff Corey Martell, Facilities staff Steve Chester, Jake Caparaso, and Dave Ziobron, Scheduling staff Nancy Walter, and our amazing student workers Jack Howell, Tyquan Crump, Gianni Taylor, and Annie Doung.



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