e-Bytes

A Newsletter from e-Learning Services

September 2019

Accessibility in Online Courses

Starting in the summer of 2017, e-Learning Services, with support from the Office of the Provost, initiated a two-year plan to ensure all online courses offered at LCSC meet federal accessibility guidelines. This plan was designed to help LC reach compliance with current laws, as well as to create welcoming and usable online materials for all students. The two-year timeline broke down the steps to creating accessible materials to facilitate training and allow for gradual updating of course content.

This semester marks the conclusion of the two-year timeline. Congratulations, LC faculty and staff! You have made leaps and bounds in your efforts to provide our students with accessible electronic content! Our progress as a campus is no small feat, and you should feel proud to be part of an institution that is wholly committed to accessibility.

The next phase is online course review to ensure no content has been overlooked. Each Division will manage its online course reviews internally, with rubrics and checklists provided by e-Learning Services to facilitate the process. Check with your Chair for more information.

Welcome Our New LCSC Accessibility Coordinator!
The Disability Services office welcomed a new employee this fall: Autumn Greene, Accessibility Coordinator. Autumn will work with campus departments to create accessible materials and will work with students who need accommodations in face to face and online courses.

Today's Tech Byte: No More Blind Dates!
Are you being blind-sided by hidden dates in your online class? Do your students report seeing last semester's dates or no current due dates in the course calendar? If so, the Date Management tool is just what you need! This tool generates a list of all items in your course that have dates and allows you to make updates without having to scour every item in your course. You'll find it under the Course Management menu → Course Tools → Date Management. Once selected, choose "List all dates for review" and click Start.
Note: This tool doesn't pick up dates typed into item descriptions, assignment titles, or other text in the course.

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Upcoming Workshop:
Dealin' with Design

Join Angela on September 12th from 12-1pm in the CTL (in the Library) for a hands-on workshop to refresh your course activities and outcomes. Shuffle the deck of activities and outcomes cards, then mix, match, and maneuver them to generate new ways to engage your students! Great for campus and online courses!

LMS Change Update

The quest for a new Learning Management System (LMS) continues! After our RFP through the State of Idaho failed in the spring, eLS waited until the new fiscal year to relaunch the search. Right now, the RFP is open, and LMS venders are submitting proposals. The RFP closes in early September.

After the RFP closes, selected LMS vendors will visit campus to showcase their products. These sessions will be open to faculty, staff, and students. eLS is still operating on the timeline that we will have the new LMS in place for early adopters, or "pioneers," in Spring 2020.

Be a Pioneer!

In the spirit of Lewis and Clark, volunteer to be a pioneer in the new learning management system in Spring 2020! Email us at e-learning@lcsc.edu to express your interest in being part of the adventure!

Ideal pioneers meet these criteria:
- At least 1 year of online teaching experience
- Can attend training for the new system during winter break
- Willing to collect "travel notes" to share with the settlers heading west in summer and fall 2020