Online Learning Committee

The following document was emailed to faculty on October 24. Since then, an additional activity has been scheduled:

NEW: Blackboard Webinar/Conference Call - Tuesday, November 11

Members of the Online Learning Committee wanted to provide one last demo of Blackboard CE8 for anyone who was unable to attend the Blackboard visit in September. We realize this is late in the process, but Blackboard was willing to provide the demo free of charge. CE8 is a later version than faculty tested in the summer.

When: Tuesday, November 11, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Where: Join us in G33 Stright or view the demo at your own computer/phone.
How: Log-in information will be distributed as soon as Blackboard provides it.

The review of a new Learning Management System to replace WebCT is swiftly drawing to a close, but there are still ways in which you can participate.

1. Last Vendor Visit - Moodlerooms

Just as we had a Sakai support vendor visit in the spring, we have been able to identify a support vendor for Moodle, also an open source LMS, to come to IUP. Moodlerooms will demonstrate product functions and discuss the service options they offer. If you are interested, please feel free to attend any part of these demonstrations - come late, leave early - as your schedule permits.

When: Monday, November 10, 1:30 - 3:30
           Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 - noon

Where: G5 Delaney Hall (formerly Suites on Grant Lower)

2. Model Courses and Last Chance for Test Accounts

If your time is limited, you may prefer simply to look at and work with a model course in the Sakai, Moodle or Blackboard CE 8.

Dr. James Lenze taught Communications Media 103 in both Sakai and Moodle over the summer, and David Porter has worked with IT Services to prepare them and make copies available. David also converted this course to Blackboard CE8. Blackboard made this course and two others available in our test accounts - MUHI 102 (courtesy of Matt Baumer) and MKTG 481 (courtesy of Parimal Baghat).

Test accounts. You may sign up for test accounts as follows:

Sakai: http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/iuponly/SakaiAccountForm-Emp.shtm
Moodle: http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/iuponly/MoodleAccountForm-Emp.shtm

Blackboard CE8: Email dbrzycki@iup.edu. We were able to obtain more accounts, and there are some left.

Model courses:

Moodle or Sakai: Once you have a test account, request a model course at http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/IUPOnly/SakaiMoodle-SampleCourseCopy.shtm.

Blackboard CE8:   You will see the model courses already listed in your test account when you log in.

3. Feedback Deadline - November 12

Feedback on any of these LMS is due by the end of business day November 12 to Dan Yuhas djyuhas@iup.edu. At the request of faculty, there have been 3 ways made available to provide feedback on one or more LMS. Please choose the one that most suits you.

- Fill out the full-length questionnaire at http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/ (http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/IUPOnly/OLC-2008-04-28-LMSEvaluationSurvey-Faculty.xls), or
- Fill out a short version of the survey at http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/ (http://old.www.iup.edu/irt/olc/IUPOnly/OLC-2008-10-21-LMSEvaluationSurvey-Short.xls), or
- Send an email with narrative comments on any features you have explored.

The results of the review will be deliberated at the Online Learning Committee in November and conveyed to ACPAC. ACPAC will send its recommendation to the Provost in December.   Thank you to all have taken the time to participate in this process already!

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