eLearning Newsletter

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It is critical that all faculty, staff and students are aware what these designations mean so that students are properly informed what type of class they are registered/registering for.

The Committee on eLearning's Bi-annual Newsletter

Faculty Technology Workshops

The Office of Educational Technology (OET) offers a variety of Blackboard workshops and trainings throughout the academic year. OET's activities and services also include:

- Investigating new and emerging technologies
- Supporting the use of instructional technologies
- Providing Media Production support for courses

What are PNET/FNET classes?

Types of eLearning courses at Queensborough:

Fully online classes (FNET): All class meetings are conducted in an online setting and all exams are conducted online.
Hybrid/ Blended or Partially Online classes (PNET): Classes that have some in-class face to face time and some online learning.
Web-Enhanced Classes incorporate myriad eLearning technologies to enhance the learning experience in a face to face class.

With the increase in online coursework at QCC, the eLearning Committee is currently developing policies and standards for eLearning classes to finalize and submit for approval by the Academic Senate. The eLearning Committee is actively seeking your input – please send thoughts and ideas to Kevin Kolack at kkolack@qcc.cuny.edu

Technology Update

News from the Office of Educational Technology (OET)

Blackboard upgrade is currently scheduled to begin on Thursday, December 28th at 12:30 am and to be completed by the close of business on Friday, December 29th. Blackboard will be taken offline and there will be no access to the environment during the upgrade. This upgrade will not introduce major new functionality into Blackboard, but there are some minor changes that will make Blackboard easier to use

Check out the CUNY's Blackboard Support web page. This resource has a new look and features resources help you take full advantage of all the functions available in the Blackboard Learn environment.

By default, all Blackboard Courses are unavailable to students when they are first created--as indicated by the text "(*unavailable*)" next to your course name. This allows you some time and privacy while building your course. Once you have finished building your course in Blackboard, you will need to **MAKE YOUR COURSE AVAILABLE** to students. Otherwise, please inform your students that you won't make it available.

Resources for eLearning Development

The e Learning Institute

The Office of Academic Affairs invites all QCC faculty to apply for the eLearning Institute. This institute is a three-semester commitment during which faculty develop and teach a quality online course. The Institute provides intensive, hands-on workshops to explore best practices for promoting online learning by developing courses that are *web-enhanced, hybrid or fully online* courses. Prior experience with online teaching not necessary.

Brown Bag Lunches

The eLearning Committee has assembled some information that will help in designing and implementing your online class.

Brown Bag Lunches (with lunch provided!) are hosted periodically throughout the semester. Recent topics include "Introduction to Lumen Online Homework Manager," a flexible system that provides practice problems, instructional videos, and immediate feedback for homework in quantitative subjects and "Waymaker Personalized Learning Courses" that help students with personalized study plans and interactive activities to practice and apply learning. [Read more](#)

Are Your Students Ready for eLearning?

Did you know that QCC's eLearning Student Readiness Program helps students in determining how well a PNET or FNET course will fit their learning style?
Check out the modules here:
http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/qccOnline/eLearningInstitute/eLearning_Readiness/
Or on the left side of your Blackboard Course page.