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Online News *Byte*

“Information You Can Use”

2014 Master Online Course Recognition Award (MOCRA)

nominations are right around the corner. If you have someone you would like to nominate please let us know.



SUMMER 2014
EDITION

**News from
Missouri State
Online and
Missouri State
Outreach**

Change for Development Stipend

In response to feedback from faculty developing online courses, Missouri State Online and the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning are extending the time for stipend-eligible faculty to develop their online courses. Instead of the previous one semester, the development period is extended to encompass two semesters. Courses being developed in the fall have until the end of the following spring to complete development. Those beginning in the spring have until the end of the following fall semester.

SUMMER EVALUATIONS

Summer sessions give us a shorter time for evaluations. Please strongly encourage your students to fill out their surveys to ensure the best possible response rates. Courses that receive less than 5 responses will not generate a report in order to protect student anonymity. Student feedback helps us support our faculty who teach online.

SUBSCRIPTION TO CAMPUS PACK ENDING AUGUST 2

MSU's subscription to Campus Pack will end on August 2. The features offered by Campus Pack (e.g., WIKIs, blogs, journals) are offered through Blackboard Learn. If you would like to learn more about incorporating blogs, wikis or podcasts into your teaching, contact the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. If you have questions, please contact Gary Rader at GaryRader@missouristate.edu.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK

If you haven't visited our site lately we invite you to have a look. We have been hard at work updating our site to provide the most up-to-date information for you. MS Online would like to offer a special thanks and our gratitude to Valerie Cummings and Nivedha Anbazhagan for all their hard work and quick response time!

Visit Missouri State Online at:

<http://outreach.missouristate.edu/missouristateonline.htm>

ADOBE AND COLLABORATE

This summer a group of faculty is pilot-testing Blackboard Collaborate. Collaborate provides web-conferencing tools, instant messaging, and voice authoring features among other functions. The three features mentioned are being “test-driven” to determine whether MSU will adopt Collaborate as a replacement for Adobe Connect. Should Adobe Connect be replaced, Adobe will run parallel with Collaborate for a period of time to ensure a smooth transition for faculty who are currently using Adobe Connect. If you have questions, please contact Gary Rader at GaryRader@missouristate.edu.

The Bb Collaborate pilot will allow trial use of the Blackboard Collaborate module with a limited number of courses/users in order to evaluate usability, support requirements, instructional value, and student perceptions on increased collaboration opportunities. Faculty participating in this pilot will receive training in the summer and then use Bb Collaborate features during the fall semester.

Based on faculty and student feedback, a recommendation will be made whether to purchase the Collaborate features to add to our Blackboard Learn system.

Upon completion of the orientation and training sessions, participants will develop an Intended Plan of Use and expected outcomes for student learning activities that utilize Bb Collaborate features.

MSO-CASL in Argentina

Missouri State Online and the Office of Citizenship and Service Learning are partners in the development of a collaborative virtual service learning experience between MSU students and students at the Institution for Advanced Education (Instituto de Educacion Superior) in Rio Tercero, Argentina. This pilot project is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2014 and conclude in the spring of 2015 with an international visit by MSU students to meet with their counterparts at IDES and city officials in Rio Tercero. The project will involve cross campus cooperation between CASL, the Office of Study Abroad and Missouri State Online.



Goodbye

We say goodbye to Jenni

In a couple weeks Jenni will be leaving Missouri State Online for an opportunity in Admissions. We wish the best for Jenni in her new role and we request your patience in the transition period between Jenni and her successor. In the interim, please direct any comments or questions to Gary Rader at GaryRader@missouristate.edu or 836-7619.

