

Hello,

Here is the latest news regarding updates on Moodle and the Center for Teaching and Research Excellence.

Spring Course Shells

The spring course shells are now available for instructors. If you are listed as the instructor of record for a course to be taught in Intersession or Spring, the shell is now available to you to begin building content. If you need assistance, please let us know.

There are several ways we can provide assistance. One, a complete video tutorial series is available through the course CSU-Instructors, which is listed on your Moodle course page. Two, each month we host a full series of workshops for you to attend from the very basics to how to use certain tools. Three, you can call or email us with questions as they arise. Four, we can transfer content from previous course shells in Blackboard or Moodle to your new shell. Finally, we have space available for faculty to work within the Center for Teaching and Research Excellence (CTRE) in LIB301, where support is just a few steps away.

CTRE Newsletters

With the elimination of the <http://webs.csu.edu> web space, the November newsletter has been relocated to <http://tinyurl.com/csuctre-nov-news> All previous editions of the newsletter, are available at <http://tinyurl.com/csuctre-newsletter>

Within the newsletters, you will find a variety of articles and events to support our faculty members' in their teaching, research, and service. If you have ideas for articles or would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please let me know.

CTRE Showcase

Each month, the CTRE hosts a Faculty Showcase that highlights the results our own faculty members have found in the areas of research, publishing, service, teaching, etc.

The November showcase highlights the publishing efforts of Pancho McFarland, Leon Hendricks, and Abir El-Alfy.

Please join us in LIB301 on Wednesday, November 17 from 3:00 to 4:30 to learn how to improve you own publishing efforts and network with your colleagues.

The website for the showcase is located at <http://tinyurl.com/csushowcase>

Moodle Updates

As for the functioning of Moodle, there are several things we are working on:

We are almost done with the Elluminate integration, so this will be functioning within Moodle for the spring.

We are working through the process of handling end-of-semester student course evaluations for online courses (more information will be coming out on this shortly).

We will also begin to release additional support materials to assist faculty in the basic set up of Moodle and for advising potential online students.

Thank you for your continued support, feedback, and participation with Moodle.

As always, if there is anything that we can do, please let us know.

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