# LTC Newsletter

**September 2020**

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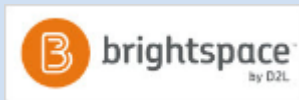
**G-13 Still Hall**

**Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online! Call x1848 or email ltcsupport to schedule.**

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## D2L NEWS AND TIPS

• **IMPORTANT DATES:** 7W1 ends **Oct. 7**; 7W2 begins **Oct. 12**; Winter course create **Oct. 21**; Winter student loads: **Dec 2**; Winter term begins **Dec. 16**

• **CONTINUOUS DELIVERY MONTHLY UPDATES -** Notice something different in D2L? Check the monthly updates web page to preview what's coming. Clarion University's D2L instance is updated the third week of every month.

## Faculty First Fridays 'ReZoom'

Faculty First Friday's will resume this Fall as Zoom-only sessions.

**FACULTY FIRST FRIDAYS**
~ CONNECT AND SHARE ~

**What is Faculty First Friday?**
Faculty First Friday is dedicated space and time for faculty to drop in and share their experiences with other faculty or just ask questions. Several faculty lead the discussion each session while LTC staff and others offer tips and best practices based on commonly asked questions.

Please grab your coffee, Zoom in, and enjoy catching up with your colleagues. Check the planned Fall discussions below. Watch All-L and D2L for reminders and the Zoom link to join.

Have a topic to bring to the table? Contact Darla Ausel or Suzanne Homan to discuss or email LTC Support.

- • **SEP 4:** *Creative Solutions for Fall Classes* - featuring Tonya Otto and Mary Buchanan (recording link)
- • **OCT 2:** *Mid-term Pulse Checks: How are your students faring?*
- • **NOV 2:** *tba*

## Tech Tuesday Zooms to Virtual 'Lab'

In a typical semester, Tech Tuesday drop-in days meet in the LTC lab in 103 Still Hall. Starting Tuesday, September 15. Tech Tuesday willl be conducted over Zoom from 1-3 PM. The top of the hour (1pm and 2pm) wlll feature a 10-minute tech tip. Faculty are welcome to drop-in for the tech tips and assistance with D2L, Zoom, or course development questions.

## Teaching Online Certification Course (TOCC) - Fall Sessions

The '**Teaching Online Certification Course**' will be offered again starting October. Two TOCC fall sessions wil be offered: **Oct. 6** and **Nov 2**. This 4-week, totally online course is Quality Matters certified and provides instructors with a student's perspective, guidance on

designing an online course, and instructions for using various D2L tools. This is NOT a self-paced course.

Please see the **TOCC web page** for more information and **registration information** or email LTC Support with questions.

# T.I.P - Tech in Practice

**1. VIDEO NOTE (PDF):** Closed captioning is now included with Video Note in D2L. What is Video Note? If you missed the training July 29, you can **view the recording**. You can use this built-in video tool for mini lectures, in addition to welcome messages, weekly overviews, and feedback.

**2. BEST PRACTICE: D2L Hyperlinks to Zoom Cloud recordings:** When linking a Zoom cloud recording in your D2L course, **set link to 'open as external resource'**. Chrome browser is causing links with media playback to show an error.

**3**. **ZOOM LESSONS LEARNED:**- Quick tips for **Zoom** from our semester start-up experience **(PDF)**.

**4. ASSIGNMENT GRADER APP:** The Assignment Grader App (for offline grading in the D2L Assignments tool) was recently removed from the app stores by D2L as it is no longer supported. D2L Assignment Grader had low usage across all customers and D2L has enhanced the web experience by developing an annotation feature driectly within D2L Assignments. Users who already have the Assignment Grader app can continue to use it, but product improvements will no longer be made. In the interim, Turnitin's Grademark tool, enables online mark-up. If you missed the training Aug. 5, you may **view the recording**, or email LTC Support for assistance.

**5. RESPONDUS quiz question publishing:** If you typically use the Respondus application for quiz questions, you will not be able to publish directly to your course. Instead, you can use the Respondus 'Export QTI' feature to create a .zip file which can then be imported to D2L using the Import/Export/copy tool in Course Admin. For randomized quizzes, export the QTI XML file as a 'Question Library' section. **See 'Export QTI XML' instructions (PDF).**

# Good Reads

**1.** *"How to Overcome Classroom Zoom Fatigue"*, Elizabeth Stone, Inside Higher Ed, Aug. 19, 2020

## Worth a Watch - Free Webinars

**1. D2L FUSION 2020 Gone Virtual.** D2L's annual conference is offered free and online this year. Register and discover the latest trends in learning innovation. Sessions are recorded, so if you missed something of interest, on-demand viewing is available. Register and view the schedule.

**2. RECAP 2020 (On-demand)** Explore various sessions from West Chester University's annual RECAP conference.

**3. D2L Discussion (On demand) Accessibility in Online Learning**: 36 min.