

LTC15D055

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Issue - Report on the work of the AD Learning and Teaching Enhancement

Recommendation - Recipients are invited to note developments and ask questions during or after the meeting

Resource Implications - None

Risk Implications – None additional to planned

Equality and Diversity - n/a

Timing of decisions - No decisions need to be made – this is a report on ongoing work

Further Information

I am committed to supporting colleagues in developing their practice in these areas and would welcome feedback about how best to communicate these opportunities and support the development of good e-learning throughout the university - please email me h.gillespie@uea.ac.uk or call x2974

Background

My role as AD LTE is to drive developments in teaching and learning which enhance the student and staff experience. Much of this is focused on developments in e-learning. This report gives details of some of the developments.

Discussion - Questions are invited

Attachments – CTEL programme of events.

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1. UEA Centre for Technology Enhanced Learning

On November 5th CTEL opened. A programme of events is attached. The day was also marked with the media creation day, an event put on with our media streaming providers E-Stream and was attended by 90 staff.

The current programme for CTEL includes:

Blackboard Breakfasts: running daily (drop in 8.15-9.15am)

TEL top Ups : running daily (drop in 4-5pm)

Illuminations (Thursday) and associated workshops (following Wednesday) on the following topics:

Longitudinal assessment, portfolio etc. (12th and 18th November)

Rubrics for assessment (19th and 25th November)

Instant feedback (26th Nov and 2nd December)

Advanced Techniques with computer marked assignments (3rd and 9th December)

Using Video as Assessment Tool (10th and 16th December)

Peer Feedback (17th December and 6th January)

Email ltt@uea.ac.uk for more info or to book

2. MOOCs and online

UEA has successfully bid for funding for another MOOC to be run in 2016. Richard Bowater and Frazer MacMillan will be lead educators on a MOOC designed to support recruitment and transition into Biochemistry degrees. The grant from the Biochemical Society is £20,000.

UEA now has a full MOOC schedule for 2016 with in the region of 20 iterations courses, including runs for the following courses:

- The Secret Power of Brands
- Dysphagia
- Preparing for University
- Clinical Supervision
- Identifying Food Fraud
- Screenwriting - NEW
- Biochemistry: the Science of Life – NEW

Approvals for small scale blended or wholly online courses should be sought from the online working group – via your Associate Dean L&T.

3. Coursework Repository

Jeremy Schildt in the Learning Enhancement Team has been leading a project to develop a UEA repository for coursework. A progress report was submitted to the last LTC, but since then there has been some progress. Jeremy has put together the following update. The project has significant potential to enhance student learning, and impact positively on our performance against KPIs.

Why is this important? Project has the potential to ...

- Improve student work/marks (and provide evidence against 'grade inflation').
- Enhance the kind of information and guidance we provide around assignment criteria – not just telling students what these are but showing students the different ways in which these criteria might be invoked in practice (link to NSS 'Assessments and Feedback' questions).
- Build student confidence in tackling assignments.
- Increase the opportunities for independent learning (by providing online resources for students to work through).
- Help manage demand for assignment-specific guidance from advisors, module teams, LET tutors etc.

Current work

- We're pretty close to producing materials for the HSC and BIO assignments – work has been scheduled with Digital Learning Designers in December and January.
- Work on ECO and HUM assignments will take place in spring semester.
- Once materials are completed we aim to introduce them to students in a workshop-style session before making them available in the relevant Blackboard module.

Future work

- Create searchable repository for storing 'worked-up' examples of student work (i.e. extracts from examples along with assignment criteria and tutor commentary) so that students and staff can search by, for instance, subject, type of assignment, key term etc.
- Use the current 'developmental' phase (this academic year) to look at different ways of working with examples of student work, and gather feedback from students and staff.
- Likely to be resourcing requirements (in LET & CTEL) to roll this work out more widely across UEA.
- There are different ways of thinking about how to prioritise the extension of this work e.g. identifying 'difficult' assignments, covering a range of assignment 'types' (essays, reflective writing, reports etc) and so on.

4. E-assessment

Blackboard is now being used on a small number of modules of electronic assessment and initial feedback about staff and student experience is very positive. We have also found a good impact on the timeliness of the return of coursework. Work to scale up the project, including an automated grades journey between SITS and Blackboard is now well underway with the aim of having a complete solution for use in AY 16/17.

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**Academic Director of Learning and Teaching Enhancement
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Programme:

Keep up to date with events by visiting:
uea.ac.uk/is/lt

Workshop and lunchtime session titles will be released on the CSED website

Booking:

Booking is only required for the Wednesday workshops.



CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING

~ NEW LOCATION ~ NEW TEAMS ~
NEW PROGRAMME

As we begin 2015-16, we are thrilled to be welcoming you to our new Centre for Technology Enhanced Learning; home to the Learning Technology, Digital Learning Design & Media Production Teams (located on the walkway opposite the Chemistry and Pharmacy entrance).

We know that this new Centre, and its fantastic range of facilities, will open up many more exciting opportunities for academics to actively work alongside supportive learning technologists to the benefit of our students.

We still believe it is essential to work with you in communities of practice in your contexts and locations and will be continuing to work in that way too.

So why not take advantage of our brand new programme of events or just pop in for a look around!

We would love to see you.

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PROGRAMME 2015-16

Blackboard Breakfasts

Running everyday between 8:15-9:15, drop in to Blackboard Breakfasts for 1-2-1 help with any aspect of using Blackboard.

Wednesday Workshops

In groups of 6 (max), the Wednesday Workshops offer a supportive and hands-on environment to explore a range of themes (*e.g. assessment & feedback, collaborative learning, flipped teaching, group work, peer assessment*) and learn how to use technologies (*e.g. Camtasia, E-Stream, Blackboard, TurningPoint*). Booking required.

Lunchtime Enlightenments

Making the most of our new interactive facilities, Lunchtime Enlightenments are an opportunity to hear from colleagues demonstrating new initiatives and technologies or feeding back about their technology enhanced learning projects. A session will run every Monday from 1 – 2pm, no booking necessary.

Tech Tuesdays

Drop in on Tuesdays between 10-11am to get any technology niggles sorted by IT and TV Studio Technicians.

TEL Top-Ups

Running everyday between 4-5pm, drop in to get 1-2-1 support or advice on any aspect of Technology Enhanced Learning.



Key Technologies:

Blackboard
eStream
Camtasia
TurningPoint
Office 365

Key Approaches:

Communities of Practice
within a school or Faculty
Small group active learning
sets

For general support queries

**Contact us via
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