Technically Speaking 7-23-14

Faculty friends,

**SSW Canvas Work Sessions at 811 Washington**

I will continue to host informal brown bag work session times in 321 (come-and-go) to be available if you want to come and work on building your courses in Canvas with me and your colleagues:

* Wednesday, July 30th, from noon-1pm.
* Monday , August 4th, from noon-1pm.
* Wednesday, August 13th, noon-1pm.

**Additional Canvas Support**

* Feel free to contact Baylor’s Online Teaching & Learning (OTL) temporary consultant **Adrienne Steely** (adrienne\_steely@baylor.edu); I know a few of you have had her come to work with you one-on-one building your Canvas courses.
* The **Canvas technical support hotline** is now available 24/7 to answer your questions as well: 844-334-0228.
* The OTL is often adding to Canvas resources here: <http://www.baylor.edu/canvas/index.php?id=865034>
* John Solis from OTL came last Thursday to introduce our faculty to Canvas. Even though this wasn’t intended for a video audience, you might find the recording I made of this helpful: <http://youtu.be/ZvQRXXJN4Sg>

 

**BearSpace Accounts Ending**

There was an announcement last week that BearSpace accounts will begin to be locked in January 2015 so if you haven’t already joined Box and moved your files into Box, I suggest you begin that process soon (<http://www.baylor.edu/its/index.php?id=94642>).

     

**Online Pedagogy**

Magna Newsletters has an article called "Five Pedagogical Practices to Improve Your Online Course” (<http://ww1.magnapubs.com/eletter/profile/123/150.html?ET=magnapubs:p150:845511a:&st=pmail>).

Again, like most literature regarding online learning, this article assumes a mostly asynchronous environment, but there is sound advice that applies to either format.

The practices include (click the link above for details on each):

* Vary the learning experiences.
* Have successful discussions.
* Plan a closing or wrap-up activity.
* Provide personal feedback.
* Ask students for feedback.

**Today’s Bitstrip**



Until next week,

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