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MyClasses@SU
Migration from
"Campus Edition" to "Learn"
Information

**New Website
Launches August 2!**

Moving to Blackboard Learn

From the time WebCT merged with Blackboard in 2006, there has been anticipation on what a learning management system could look like if it brought the best features of the WebCT Campus Edition product with the Blackboard Learning System product. At Salisbury University, the wait is now over. As of Fall 2010, a pilot group of faculty will be using Blackboard Learn 9, the first release in Blackboard's vision of the "next generation" of learning management systems - which we will call MyClasses Learn. Faculty will find the MyClasses Learn provides opportunities for improved communication; information sharing, collaboration, usability, and security.

Some of the exciting new features that you will find in MyClasses Learn are:

- incorporation of features consistent with Web 2.0 technology
- drag and drop interface to move items quickly
- new tool to send messages to external email addresses
- addition of Wikis for multiple person collaboration and editing
- ability to have multiple submission of assignments
- enhanced features for Group collaboration and sharing
- new Grade Center which centralizes the grading of student activities
- capability to weight grades within the Grade Center

As with any software, when new versions become available, support for older versions expire. Our current MyClasses version, Campus Edition 8 will have an end of

life of January 2013. That is why this 2010-2011 academic year we will be migrating all faculty to MyClasses Learn by Fall 2011.



Faculty currently using MyClasses Campus Edition will need to attend at least one workshop, Fast Track to MyClasses Learn. After attending this workshop, faculty will be provided with an account and development course in MyClasses Learn and can adopt to use the new system in Winter, Spring or Summer 2011.

Faculty new to using a course management system at SU, should attend the Getting Started with MyClasses workshop.

Both the Fast Track to MyClasses Learn and the Getting Started with MyClasses workshops will be offered several times during the academic year. For workshop details, logistics and registration, visit http://www.salisbury.edu/instructionaldesign/prof_dev/show_courses.asp.

Finally, we encourage faculty to learn more about MyClasses Learn through our migration site at <http://www.salisbury.edu/instructionaldesign/cms/>. Information regarding the timeline of the migration, resources for faculty and students and support can be found on this site. In addition, ID&D will be holding monthly MyClasses User's Groups to showcase different features of MyClasses Learn and to hear from faculty using the new version.

At anytime if you have questions regarding the migration, please contact anyone in the ID&D office.

MyClasses Transition Timeline

Below is a timeline of the events that are planned to occur during the MyClasses transition.

Fall 2010

- Offer new version of MyClasses workshops throughout the semester
- Offer monthly User's Group meetings to highlight different features and functions of Learn
- Continue one on one course development sessions with faculty to recreate courses in Learn
- Select faculty for pilot of Learn in Winter and Spring 2011 semesters
- First pilot group of new version

January 2011

- Offer new version of MyClasses workshops
- User's group meeting on Lessons Learned from Fall 2010 pilot faculty
- Continue one on one course development sessions with faculty to recreate courses in Learn
- Second pilot group of new version

Spring 2011

- Offer new version of MyClasses workshops throughout the semester
- Offer monthly User's Group meetings to highlight different features and functions of Learn
- Continue one on one course development sessions with faculty to recreate courses in Learn
- Prepare remaining faculty for migration to new version for Fall 2010
- Third pilot group of new version

Summer 2011

- Offer new version of MyClasses workshops
- Continue one on one course development sessions with faculty to recreate courses in Learn

Fall 2011

- All faculty using new version of MyClasses

Author of Three Cups of Tea Keynotes at BbWorld 2010 Conference

Greg Mortenson, an education advocate, delivered the opening keynote to the BbWorld conference and as I sat listening to him, I sat amazed. Greg has dedicated his life to bringing education to remote locations in Pakistan and Afghanistan, especially to girls where opportunities to learn were few. He portrayed the realistic challenges to bringing education to these areas. One challenge was the ability to build schools in areas covered by landmines. Greg told of a boy who wanted education more than anything in the world and how after his untimely death due to a mine, his father educated himself on how to remove mines so that others did not have the same fate.

The education of girls was another highlight to his presentation, where he emphasized that by educating girls you can educate a village. Girls will share their knowledge and

the information they learn and thus education will continue to grow in communities for those attending school as well as those who do not. To this end, Greg has "established or significantly supported 131 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, which provide education to over 58,000 children – including 48,000 girls."

Greg has authored two books about his adventures – Three Cups of Tea and Stones into Schools. He has "co-founded the non-profit Central Asia Institute, an organization that promotes education in regions where there are few or no opportunities. He also launched the Pennies for Peace campaign, which educates students on the positive impact they can have – on a global scale – by donating one penny at a time, opening doors to literacy in impoverished countries."

MyClasses Learn Workshop Schedule

ID&D will be offering the following workshops on the new MyClasses Learn. Faculty who would like to get a jump start on migrating their courses for the Winter or Spring 2011 semester are encouraged to attend these workshops. Faculty new to Salisbury University and would like to use MyClasses in the Fall semester should also attend:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
AUGUST 9	10AM—12PM	GETTING STARTED WITH MYCLASSES
AUGUST 9	1PM—3PM	PRESENTING CONTENT IN MYCLASSES
AUGUST 10	10AM—12PM	WORKING WITH ONLINE QUIZZES, TESTS & SURVEYS IN MYCLASSES
AUGUST 10	1PM—3PM	WORKING WITH ASSIGNMENTS & GROUPS IN MYCLASSES
AUGUST 11	10AM—12PM	MAKING THE MOST OF DISCUSSIONS IN MYCLASSES
AUGUST 11	1PM—3PM	COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS IN MYCLASSES
AUGUST 12	10AM—12PM	WORKING WITH THE GRADE CENTER IN MYCLASSES
AUGUST 23	10AM—12PM	GETTING STARTED WITH MYCLASSES

All workshops are on the new MyClasses Learn. For workshops descriptions and registration—please visit http://www.salisbury.edu/instructionaldesign/prof_dev/show_courses.asp.

August TurningPoint Workshops

If it is your first semester using clickers, you will want to attend the Getting Started session. If you attend that session or have used clickers in the past, you would also benefit from the Advanced Training.

- TurningPoint: Getting Started, August 16th at 10am
- TurningPoint: Advanced, August 17th, 10am

There are a few new additions to the TurningPoint software for the Fall Semester. We will cover those changes in both sessions.

Respondus License Update

Each August, faculty using Respondus, an assessment creation and management software, need to update the license. The new license can be obtained from the Respondus website at <http://www.salisbury.edu/instructionaldesign/respondus/welcome.html>.



Your Connection to Classroom Support

Classroom Technology is located in the in the Teacher Education Technology Center (TETC) building directly down the hall from ID&D. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30 AM to 10:00 PM during the semesters.

The best way to contact our department if you have a problem with a piece of equipment in a classroom or need assistance is to call us directly at 410-543-6230.

If you have a new classroom assignment or need a refresher on the technology equipment give us a call. We would be more than willing to go over the equipment with you.

Several tips to remember when using the smart classroom equipment:

- It is always best not to save your work to the podium computer. Thumb drives or USB drives are best for saving and storing professional and personal files.
- Never leave your information still up on the podium computer.

- If you need a key for the podium contact your administrative assistant who has been provided keys for the podiums.
- Do not share your logins or passwords with others.
- We can't fix it if we do not know about it. Do not assume others have reported the problem. Let us know if you are having a problem.
- Shut the equipment completely off in order to secure the equipment and save energy.
- Finally, always lock the podium cabinet when your class or session is done. Do not assume the next instructor will be using the podium.

- Lucy Hearn, Manager
- Wayne Earp, IT Support Assistant
- Jennifer Atkinson, IT Support Assistant
- James Ellis, IT Support Assistant

Web 2.0 Website You Should Know



You've heard about Camtasia screen recordings in multiple editions of our newsletter, but some of you haven't had the opportunity to use the product since it's only available in our instructional studio or as a software purchase. For those of you who are still interested in recording your screen and annotating that capture, you're in luck!

Screen Toaster is a Web 2.0 website that allows you do to many of the same functions that Camtasia does, but for free! From their website:

"ScreenToaster is a free web-based screen recorder designed to capture screen activity in real-time to rapidly create and share tutorials, demos, training, lectures and more.

To watch videos : Just click on a video to launch the player.

To record videos : Click on "Start recording" or "Record", start recording using the shortcuts or via the recorder.

You can add audio and an embed webcam while you are recording. When finished, add subtitles, choose your thumbnail, describe and tag your video so other users can easily find your screencasts."

Another of the great features of Screen Toaster is it's ability to work on both PCs and Macs. You can record, share, edit and upload to MyClasses with just a few easy clicks.

If you don't have a webcam or microphone, we have a solution for you. ID&D now has new webcams, microphones and headsets that can be checked out for faculty use. Come see us for more information!

Blackboard World 2010

Melissa Thomas and Robin Hoffman attended the Blackboard World Conference in Orlando, Florida last month. During the conference, over 2000 attendees collaborated regarding Blackboard and online learning.

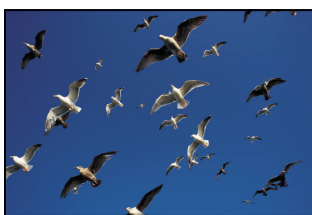
Many of the sessions attended by Melissa and Robin focused on our current migration from the Campus Edition to Learn 9 course management system. Other institutions from

around the country are also migrating to the newest release.

Through cohort and user groups, Salisbury University will be working with other online learning centers to learn best practices regarding instructor and student training.



Faculty Invited to "Soar" Early This Fall



Instructional Design and Delivery is currently accepting applications for the next cohort of faculty desiring to participate in the Soaring with

Online Learning program. Soaring with Online Learning (Soaring) is a faculty development program to prepare faculty to develop and deliver courses in a fully online or hybrid environment through the campus course management system, MyClasses. Faculty can apply to one of two programs:

Delivering program – four week program aimed at faculty who will be managing and delivering an already developed online/hybrid course.

Developing and delivering program – six week program aimed at faculty who will be both developing and delivering an online/hybrid course.

Each program provides a stipend to faculty who participates, but participation is limited.

Due to the MyClasses migration, our next session of Soaring will be earlier than normal - October 8, 2010 – November 19, 2010. This cohort is for faculty who will be developing and delivering courses in Winter 2011 and Spring 2011. For more details about the program and for access to the application, please visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/instructionaldesign/onlinelearning/welcome.html> or contact Melissa Thomas at x36510. Applications are due September 29.

MyClasses Course Access for Students

Below is a list of MyClasses course access end and start dates for students. Print out this page and cut out this area for future reference.

Access to Summer I 2010 Courses Ends 7/9/10

Access to Summer II 2010 Courses Begins 6/29/10

Access to Summer II 2010 Courses Ends 8/13/2010

Access to Fall 2010 Courses Begins 8/23/2010

Access to Fall 2010 Courses Ends 12/31/10

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