Digital Ed E-NEWS

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Welcome to this month's DE-news! We've got some exciting things happening this month. Check them out below.

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Revolving Fund to Support New Online Degrees

Digital Education has just been given authorization to establish a revolving fund of $2,000,000 to support the development and launch of new online master's degree programs. Based on a proposal process, approved programs will be able to borrow up to $200,000 in funding to help pay for program launch costs, such as online program and course development, initial instruction, and marketing/recruitment. Program revenues over the first four years of a program's operation will then be used to repay this amount. Priority will be given to programs that have market potential for 150+ students at steady state, have strong faculty support, broaden the scope of Purdue's online offerings, or that leverage existing online degree programs. We are currently working on program details and an application process / template, and will distribute these as soon as they are available (likely late December; please be patient).

Purdue Distance Education Week Videos Available

Video presentations on digital education topics developed on Purdue system campuses are available at

https://www.digitaleducation.purdue.edu/ndlw/. Topics include high-quality courses from each campus; accessibility, copyrights, and intellectual property; faculty experience of teaching with technology; student

experience in online courses; and the future of online education. The presentations feature faculty, students and administrators from Purdue West Lafayette, Purdue Northwest and Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

Online Teaching Awards for Purdue Instructors

Two Purdue instructors were recognized for their accomplishments in online learning at the Central Region meeting of the University Professional and Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) held in Indianapolis last month. Ellen Gundlach's innovative work with statistics courses was recognized with the 2016 Celebration of Excellence in Teaching. Gary Bennett of Entomology was recognized for his longtime management of Purdue's unique integrated pest management courses with UPCEA's 2016 Celebration of Excellence Award for Mature Program -- Noncredit. Our congratulations to both these accomplished teachers!

System-wide Coordination in Digital Education

The Provost has created a task force to study how the Purdue system can cooperate in digital education to the benefit of our students and the institution as a whole. The task force will work through three subcommittees that will explore coordination of our learning technology and software licensing across our campuses, common quality standards and preparation of instructors to teach online, and shared orientation of students to online learning. The co-chairs of the task force are Jon Harbor, Director of Digital Learning and Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning at West Lafayette and Cassandra Boehlke, Coordinator of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach at Purdue Northwest.

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