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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Nominations for Purdue Distance Learning Awards Still Open

You can nominate an online course or support staff member for one of five Purdue distance learning awards. Deadlines are Monday, February 27. The award categories are

- Excellence in Distance Learning: Course Design and Teaching, Credit Course
- Excellence in Distance Learning: Course Design and Teaching, Noncredit Course
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award
- Innovative Course Design and Use of Technology
- MVP: Instruction Design and Support Award

Awards in each category will total $2,500. The awards will be presented at the Provost's Faculty Awards Convocation in April. For more information about the awards and the nomination form, click here.

Purdue Launches Partnership with FutureLearn

Last week FutureLearn, a leading global social learning platform, announced partnerships with five US institutions: American University, Colorado State, Penn State, University of Virginia's Darden College of Business, and Purdue University (all campuses). You can read about this launch in Inside Higher Ed and Times Higher Education.

On February 27th and 28th FutureLearn CEO Simon Nelson will be in West Lafayette for system-wide information sessions about strategies for using the FutureLearn platform. The sessions will also include Purdue instructors currently developing courses on FutureLearn, as well as staff from FutureLearn headquarters in London. You can participate in person in West Lafayette, or remotely from other campuses. Please register for sessions here.

On March 9th, Digital Education will offer a free one-day training workshop for prospective instructors that covers designing and developing FutureLearn courses. You can register here.

Quality Matters Training Sessions

Digital Education and Teaching Learning Technologies will offer a one-day training workshop on Quality Matters (QM) on March 15th. With over 1,000 institutions worldwide using its rubric to benchmark quality, QM is the leading quality assurance system for online courses. QM uses research-derived standards and peer review to certify courses. Learn more about QM here. There is no cost to attend the workshop, but participants will be expected to purchase the Quality Matters manual at $20 when registering. Registrations are due by March 1. You can register here.

New Noncredit Course Manager for EPE

Brett Hicks has been named the director of professional development and operations for Engineering Professional Education (EPE). In this role he will oversee EPE's certification courses, seminars, and short courses for professional development.

Digital Education Seeks Associate Director for Noncredit

Digital Education has posted an opening for the new position of Associate Director for Noncredit Programs (Job Number 1700296). The associate director will work with internal and external partners to launch and build an infrastructure to sustain the Digital Education noncredit initiative identified in the Action Plan for Digital Education. This initiative will build on current offerings, construct a diverse and comprehensive portfolio of digital educational opportunities that can be accessed each time a person has new learning goals. Offerings will be designed to be responsive to their personal educational needs throughout their life and may include training programs, certificates, badges, online courses, MOOCs, and Purdue NeXT offerings.

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