Digital Ed E-NEWS

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

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Digital Education Expands Awards Program for 2017

2017 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISTANCE LEARNING

Digital Education, in cooperation with the Provost's Office, has expanded the scope of its annual awards program. The new program includes five awards that were recommended by an AP4DE Implementation team:

- Excellence in Distance Learning: Course Design and Teaching (Credit)
- Excellence in Distance Learning: Course Design and Teaching (Noncredit)
- Innovation in Course Design and Use of Technology
- Digital Education Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award
- MVP: Instructional Design and Support Award

The awards are available to courses and individuals at all of Purdue's campuses. Each recognized course or person will be awarded $2,500. Awardees will be recognized at the Provost's annual awards convocation in April. Nominations are due by February 27. For more information and nomination forms, visit https://www.digitaleducation.purdue.edu/faculty-resources/on-going-support/awards.html .

Launch of Purdue/FutureLearn Partnership

A quick "heads up" about the February 27 - 28 launch of our partnership with FutureLearn, a platform for large-scale, open noncredit courses built on social learning principles. The February 27 sessions, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (including lunch), will feature discussions about Purdue's strategy with FutureLearn courses. The February 28 session, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., will focus on course design and development for FutureLearn. Sessions will be available via WebEx for those who can't attend in person. A more formal announcement will be distributed later, but for now hold a place on your calendar!

New Staff Join Digital Education

Thad Blossom has joined Digital Education as program manager for professional development programs; he also assumes operational responsibilities for Purdue NExT. Thad joins us from the College of Veterinary Medicine. Jennifer Hill has joined Digital Education as a program administrator for professional development programs and will offer marketing expertise for those programs. Jennifer joins us from Media and Marketing. Their talents will be important as we seek to expand the scope of online professional development at Purdue.

Provost's Task Force on System-wide Digital Education

The Provost's task force to increase cooperation on digital education among the Purdue campuses conducted the second of three meetings on the Fort Wayne campus on January 13. About 25 faculty and staff from all the campuses participated. The task force is pursuing system-level initiatives in three areas: preparation for instructors in online courses, orientation for students in online courses, and purchasing or contracting of digital education-related software or services. The task force will meet again in late February and submit recommendations to the Provost in early spring.

Got News?

If you have brief news items concerning digital education at Purdue, we would be happy to include them in the Update. Please send your suggestions to Mike Eddy.

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