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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What's New with NewU

The new Board of Trustees of Kaplan University met for the first time and approved a proposal that Purdue faculty and staff could enroll in Kaplan courses at no charge. They also approved a discounted fee rate for Indiana residents. The addition of Kaplan as a Purdue campus was presented to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education by President Daniels and senior administrators; as is customary, ICHE will vote on the proposal at their next meeting in August.

Campus-wide Digital Education Community Formed

The Action Plan for Digital Education recommended that DE convene a campus-wide community of individuals with an interest in or responsibility to ensure more effective and timely communication and coordination of the full spectrum of Digital Education support. Representatives from each college have been identified, and the first meeting of that community was scheduled for Monday, June 26.

Job Opening in Summer Programming

Summer Programming has posted a position for an assistant director of summer session (Job Number 1701025). For more information see the posting here.

FutureLearn Course on How to Create a Great FutureLearn Course

FutureLearn, Purdue's international MOOC partner, is providing Purdue faculty and staff with free access to How to Create a Great FutureLearn Course. This three-week online course explores what goes into making a great online course, including examples of best practice from many of FutureLearn's 100+ global partners and insights from the FutureLearn team. The course is an opportunity to learn about FutureLearn's social learning approach to MOOCs while experiencing their unique platform. For more information about the course, contact Maricel Lawrence.

New Purdue Accessibility Standard

Purdue has adopted new standard for Electronic Information, Communication and Technology Accessibility, which includes digital media and software used in online courses. The standard affirms the university's commitment to "ensuring equal access to information for all its constituencies." The standard specifies, "All electronic instructional materials, optional and required, must be Accessible." In addition, "Video must be closed-captioned and audio-described and audio resources must be transcribed." You can see the complete new standard here. If you have questions about the standard, contact Erin Oliver, director of the Office of Institutional Equity. If you have questions about how to enhance the accessibility of your online course, contact Tanisha Willoughby, Digital Education's associate director for compliance.

Quality Matters Training Workshop

Digital Education and Teaching Learning Technologies will offer a one-day training workshop on Quality Matters (QM) on August 7, 2017. 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. 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 July 14. You can register here.

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