# eLearning Newsletter

## The Committee on eLearning's
## Bi-annual Newsletter

Contact OET here or call or visit OET and CETL in L 314 (718) 281-5161 for info

## Faculty Technology Workshops

The Office of Educational Technology (OET) offers a variety of Blackboard workshops and trainings throughout the academic year. Workshop topics are listed below:

- "VoiceThread: Collaborative Learning for Every Modality & Discipline";
- "Camtasia Micro-lectures"
- "Enhancing Instructional Videos with Playposit";
- "Introduction to Blackboard Collaborate Ultra"
- "Introduction to Excel"
- "Advance your Excel Skills"

*Instructional Technology Workshops are open to all faculty and staff!*
Click here to register

### FNET & PNET

*It is critical that all faculty, staff and students are aware of what these designations mean so that students are properly informed about what type of class they are registering for.*

QCC's eLearning Committee is currently developing policies and standards for eLearning classes to finalize and submit for approval by the Academic Senate.

The Committee is actively seeking your input – please send thoughts and ideas to Kevin Kolack at kkolack@qcc.cuny.edu

## What's New in Blackboard?

Some minor changes have made Blackboard easier to use:
- The classes listed in the Home tab My Courses module are organized by semester
- Additional drag-and-drop locations for file and folder uploads
- Floating Cancel and Submit buttons on content creation screens
- Students can receive a notification email for assignment attempts with information about the submission (previously this was available for Turnitin Assignments only)

# Technology Update

## News from the Office of Educational Technology (OET)

By default, all Blackboard Courses are unavailable to students when they are first created--as indicated by the text "(*unavailable*)" next to your course name. This allows you some time and privacy while building your course. Once you have finished building your course in Blackboard, you will need to **MAKE YOUR COURSE AVAILABLE** to students. Otherwise, please inform your students that you won't make it available.

# Resources for eLearning Development

## The e Learning Institute

Selected participants for the Summer 2018 eLearning Institute will explore best practices for promoting online learning. The Institute provides intensive, hands-on workshops to complete the preparation for online delivery by developing courses under the guidance of a peer faculty mentor and the College's instructional design staff. Courses developed can be *web-enhanced, hybrid or fully online* courses and must be approved (by the Office of Academic Affairs) as meeting nationally accepted standards for implementation.

## Brown Bag Lunches

Brown Bag Lunches (with lunch provided!) are hosted periodically throughout the semester. The session on "Educational Technology that are free of cost and independent of the Learning Management System" coming soon will highlight technologies can be used to deliver content, create content and help students interact in class. These easy to learn and easy to incorporate educational technologies help faculty adapt their teaching styles to suit the needs of digital natives.

## Bronx CUNY Educational technology (EdTech) Showcase (April 27, 2018)

The showcase will feature three instructional technologies currently used by QCC faculty: The power of SoftChalk, VoiceThread collaboration, Playposit interactive video platform. More information is available at: http://commons.hostos.cuny.edu/bronxedtech/



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*Check out CUNY's Blackboard Support web page. This resource has a new look and features resources to help you take full advantage of all the functions available in the Blackboard Learning environment.*

*The eLearning Committee has assembled some information that will help in designing and implementing your online class.*