What’s the Scoop?

Graduate Assistant
We are happy to announce that we have another Graduate Assistant in eLearning Support! Tyler Peterson completed his undergraduate degree at BSU and is now a student in the MBA program. Stop by to greet Tyler and welcome him back!

June 2 Updates!
The following Minnesota State system-wide updates will tentatively take place on June 2, 2017. More information will be available soon as there will be significant user interface changes and tool improvements.

D2L Brightspace Update from 10.6.3 to 10.7.0: The update will include many changes and improvements to tools such as Intelligent Agents, Quizzes, and Group Discussions. We will provide overviews of the changes along with video demonstrations as soon as we are able.

D2L Brightspace Daylight Experience: Daylight is a new responsive user interface that is designed to work on multiple devices including computers, tablets and cell phones. It will also provide consistency in user interface for students enrolled in courses at multiple schools and for faculty teaching courses at multiple schools.

Coming soon…
We are currently testing the following new tools in our Quality Assurance (QA) site. If all goes well, they may become available during the current semester.

NEW: Virtual Classroom: Instructors can use Virtual Classroom by YouSeeU to hold a virtual classroom session or set up video meetings with students. Instructors can choose to record sessions and post the recording in the Content area of the course.

NEW: Video Assignment: Instructors can use Video Assignments by YouSeeU to create video assignments in which students use their webcam to record presentations. There are also options for peer review and time-stamped comments.

For more information, check out these FAQ: https://d2l.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1758

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there an easy way to see if a student is actively participating in my D2L class activities?

A: You can check a student’s participation in all D2L activities with the User Progress tool.

1. Click the Assessments menu, and then click User Progress
2. Click on a student’s name
3. Click on the tools in the left frame to view activity in each area (i.e. Content, Discussions, Quizzes, etc.)

I didn’t know I could do that!

When you create an Assignment Submission folder in D2L, you now have an additional tab of options related to using Turnitin.

What is Turnitin? “Turnitin Similarity Checking allows educators to check student work for improper citation or potential plagiarism by comparing it against continuously updated databases. Every Similarity Report provides instructors with the opportunity to teach their students proper citation methods as well as to safeguard their students’ academic integrity” (Retrieved from http://turnitin.com/en_us/support/help-center on January 30, 2017).

Additional help is available from BSU’s Center for Professional Development http://www.bemidjistate.edu/faculty_staff/professional_development/resources/