



## Division of Academic Affairs

### **EWC Faculty Professional Development for Online Instruction For Fall 2020**

#### Overview:

A comprehensive faculty training and professional development program has been implemented to help ensure that online instruction is offered at a level of high quality and in alignment with pedagogical best practices. A core component is course design that is learner-centered, with emphasis on impactful pedagogy and national standards for teaching remotely.

#### Background:

At the close of the spring 2020 semester, a comprehensive assessment was conducted to gauge faculty readiness and course development needs. The College is using a similar preparation model for the fall semester to identify the number of additional faculty who need training and additional courses requiring some level of conversion. The faculty trainings offered since May introduce and orient faculty to the learning management system (LMS), Moodle.

#### Next Steps for Fall 2020:

All faculty are expected to use Moodle to support student learning outcomes and assignments for their courses and to support instruction during the fall 2020 semester. A certification program (e-Think) is being used to ensure that all teaching faculty will be certified to teach virtually by the first day of class, August 17, 2020. The College will be hiring an Associate Provost for Distance Education, who will assist with this endeavor and will develop a schedule of professional development opportunities related to synchronous and asynchronous distance learning throughout the semester. In summary, the following attendant professional development/or trainings in partnership with the Office of Instructional Technology (IT) are outlined below for faculty in preparation for Fall 2020:

1. All faculty and adjuncts will be required to attend and successfully pass the Moodle certification course on or before the first day of class, August 17, 2020.
2. Faculty institute eLearning training on creating an effective distance learning environment and course design August 6-13, 2020.

Additionally, a Faculty *Train the Trainer* on campus support team has been identified and will be able to assist all faculty and adjuncts for Fall 2020.