

Laney College Distance Education Newsletter

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Canvas Transition News



The District recently hired **Dr. Kevin Kelly**, an instructional designer and consultant for higher education institutions and technology startups. Dr. Kelly will help support the Canvas transition. He also intends to provide workshops with a focus on course design as faculty migrate courses from Moodle to Canvas.

Dr. Kelly will lead a workshop this Friday, April 21, for the Canvas Train-the-Trainer group. We will record the first workshop–*Making Your Online Courses Accessible to All Students*–and it can be accessed by anyone who is interested. Currently, the trainers plan to teach one section in Canvas in the fall. The group will be collecting every helpful tip and online teaching strategy to share with all faculty as we make the transition from Moodle to Canvas.

Technology Teaching and Learning Center

The **Technology Teaching and Learning Center** (TTLC) had its soft opening on Monday, April 17th in the Tower, room 513. This space will serve as a place for faculty to receive training and support in developing online courses and in using the course management system. Stay tuned for more information regarding the development of this space.

Online Education Initiative and Course Design Rubric

The **Online Education Initiative** (OEI) is a collaborative effort among the California Community Colleges to increase the quality of online courses and to provide resources to both students and faculty. They recently revised their Course Design Rubric, and Laney's Canvas trainers have been using this rubric to help align their courses with existing state standards. For more information, visit: http://ccconlineed.org/faculty-resources/professional-development/online-course-design-standards/

Professional Development Opportunities

For those interested, **@ONE** offers low cost courses on Canvas, online pedagogy, and training with the OEI Course Design Rubric. You can find the courses here: http://www.onefortraining.org/online-courses.

This year, the **Online Teaching Conference** (OTC) will take place in Anaheim, CA from June 19-21. Registration is now open and costs \$325. Onsite registration will cost \$375. For more details about the conference, visit: http://onlineteachingconference.org/.

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Some questions to consider when designing your online course:

- How will you have regular and effective communication with your students?
- 2. How will you make your course accessible to all students?
- 3. How will you deliver your content in creative ways?
- 4. How will you make use of multiple modalities?

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