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Online Student Evaluations

The Management and Finance and Business Law Departments piloted online student evaluations for all traditional and online classes in Fall 2007. Although Digital Measures had some difficulties early on, the pilot was successful. David Wallace, Director of UWW Information Strategic Consulting, is researching other online student evaluation tools. After some testing, the University will decide to continue with Digital Measures or a new software package. Thanks to all of you who are helping us continue this pilot project in Spring 2008.

Please refer to the calendar for future evaluation time deadlines:

Term	Weeks In Term	Class Dates	Request By	Select Questions	Survey Start	Survey End
Spring	8	1/22 to 3/14	25-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	14-Mar
Spring	8	3/17 to 5/22	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May
Spring	16	1/22 to 5/22	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May	9-May
Summer	3	5/27 to 6/13	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	13-Jun
Summer	3	6/16 to 7/03	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	4-Jul
Summer	3	7/07 to 7/25	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	25-Jul
Summer	3	7/28 to 8/15	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug	15-Aug
Summer	6	5/27 to 7/03	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	4-Jul
Summer	6	6/16 to 7/25	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	25-Jul
Summer	6	7/07 to 8/15	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug	15-Aug
Summer	9	5/27 to 6/25	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	25-Jul
Summer	9	6/16 to 8/15	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug	15-Aug
Summer	12	5/27 to 8/15	28-Jul	4-Aug	11-Aug	15-Aug

Podcasting Pilot for Spring 2008



Some faculty have shied away from podcasting their lectures due to the belief that class attendance will drop. While the literature is limited on this subject, early studies indicate that podcasting does not cause class attendance to drop. An article by the University of Washington Office of Learning Technologies concluded that “podcasts did not have a negative impact on attendance.” The full report can be found on the CoBE web site under “Distance Education Documents.” Several brave faculty members have agreed to podcast one or more classes in Spring, 2008: Curt Weber, Renee Pfeifer-Luckett, Jim Sisak, and Dan Teferra. Several other faculty are podcasting just a few sessions to experience the podcasting concept.

Please feel free to talk with any of these faculty members concerning their podcast experiences. If you would like to try podcasting one or two class sessions, please contact Aaron Schuett at x1558 or schuetta@uww.edu for details.

Quality Matters Deadline Change



At first, Quality Matters required courses be submitted on specific dates for a timely assessment. Quality Matters has dropped the date specific deadlines and will now accept online courses for assessment any time. You can find useful information concerning the Quality Matters process on the CoBE web site under “Distance Education Documents.”

UWW Campus is now Office 2007

Office 2007 becomes the new standard

All campus computer labs and classrooms now use Office 2007 as the default beginning Spring 2008. If you have not yet done so, you may want to upgrade your office computer to Office 2007. The upgrade can be reversed if needed. As always, please contact the CoBE Online Education and Support Center if you need assistance.

To install Office 2007:

- On your computer, click on Start, Run
- Type in “nalwin32” and hit enter
- Open Install...Microsoft...Office folders, and double-click on Office 2007 Enterprise
- Get a cup of coffee. The installation may take up to 30 minutes.



Don't forget to lock classroom cabinets!

Online Courses Now Section 22

To make things easier for all to identify online classes, all online undergraduate and graduate classes will be identified as section 22 beginning Spring 2008. We hope this helps eliminate any confusion identifying which classes are online.

Online Course PDF Links

PDF files which are set as content items in D2L are not printable from all Macintosh computers. As a solution, we request that faculty please link PDF files within a content page. In this way, PDF files will not open within the D2L window, and will instead open in a new window. This also enables students to right-click and “save as” to their computer for printing the document.

LTC hosts Hybrid Class Speaker, Allan Aycock

Bob Gruber, Linda Yu and Bob Schramm attended a Hybrid Class Workshop hosted by the LTC over winter break. Allan Aycock is the associate Dean of the UW-Milwaukee LTC and has wonderful experiences developing hybrid classes. Allan provided presentation information to be shared with all of us. The materials can be found in the “Distance Education Documents” section of the CoBE web page.