Learning Environments

Updates from the Learning Environments Committee

Updates on Learning Technologies Plan

Check out plans for Learning Spaces across CSU
Learning Spaces Portal

- Enhancing student engagement
- Learn how to use technology

http://learningspaces.csu.edu.au

The Learning Spaces Portal has been designed and tested to ensure the user can find information easily and quickly. Several academics have tested the portal and have given positive feedback. There are a number of learning spaces that have been selected for this pilot. The Portal is designed to intuitively provide hints when searching to provide the greatest user experience. The Portal provides two main distinct areas of support:

1. **How to enhance learning in the space.**
   Case studies have been created and added to the portal to show the different pedagogies that can be used in the learning spaces for further understanding and application of active learning for students.

2. **How to use the technologies in the space.**
   Just-in-time, succinct, short, snappy videos have been created to show how to use the technology within the learning spaces.
The portal can easily be accessed via scanning the QR code with your phone/tablet in the learning spaces and/or it is a great tool to use before a class to see and learn how to use the technologies in the space and what pedagogies can be used. Please feel free to try it, instructions and spaces used for this pilot is below.
Learning Spaces Portal cont.

- Rooms included in Pilot

The pilot includes the following Learning Spaces:

Wagga Wagga Wal Fife (Building 14)
- W-14-101
- W-14-102
- W-14-115
- W-14-209

Albury CD Blake (Building 751)
- A-751-104
- A-751-110
- A-751-111
- A-751-202
- A-751-205

Port Macquarie
- PT-801-2062
- PT-801-2048
- PT-801-2047

Bathurst
- B-1292-223
- B-1292-205
- B-1411-303
- B-1411-403

On the home page of the portal, type building number and room number into the search. This will generate a list of pedagogies and technologies that are used in that specific learning space (see image above). The pedagogies are a list of case studies that explain how each one can be used in the learning space. There are instructions and diagrams on how this works. The technologies are a list of equipment used in the learning space and the short videos explain how each one is used.
CourseSpace Update

CourseSpace version 3.1

New Features

- Introduction of the audit tool search history capability
- The ability to change an existing primary standard.

Improvements

- Connection Viewer:
  - Extended the connection viewer to now include primary and secondary (base) criterion.
- Look and feel:
  - Updated colour scheme, logo and icons within the banner.
- Implementation of visual accessibility requirements:
  - Improved contrast ratio (i.e. foreground text colour to background colour) throughout the application.
  - Added visual cues (underline) when hovering within the navigation menu.
  - Changed upper text headings to lowercase within navigation menu.

More information

https://coursespace.csu.edu.au/release-notes
Features of the Panopto upgrade:

- **Integration with Blackboard Gradebook** – This enables the results of quizzes to be sent directly to Gradebook in Blackboard.

- **New features in the editor** – This is now a full HTML5 editor. This editor has a few more options in the menu and you can use it to build video presentations from multiple audio, video and PowerPoint components without the need of using a recorder.

- **New analytics capabilities** – Added report for viewing type (mobile vs. embedded vs. interactive vs. download, will be incorporated into CSU Replay reports) and ability to report on recordings created or edited in a certain period (not affecting user experience).

- **Support for 360-degree video** – Allows for the uploading of 360 degree video for use with VR headsets.

- **Departmental branding** – Department branding can now be added to show own branding on videos.

- **Embed player quizzing** – Quizzes can now be seen in videos that are embedded into a webpage.

- **Threaded discussions** – Discussions in a video now display as threaded for easier reading.

- **Stream swap** – When watching a video, viewers can now swap locations of primary or secondary videos in the playback.

1810 Release Notes

The 1810 update enhances the tables feature with the addition of a date picker, auto-sum as well as time and number formats. These enhancements will make recording activity in resources quicker and easier. Users asked for the ability to report on an activity log which is being finalised and will be released soon.

Release at a glance:

- Table enhancements:
  - Date picker
  - Time format
  - Number only format
  - Auto-sum
    - Contribute to asset time/points
- PebblePocket now supports cascading tags
- CK Editor now supports indenting
- Major bug fix - account deletion
- Bug fixes
- Welsh language updates (for institutions in Wales only)
Leganto: Reading List Platform

Leganto is a reading list platform that has been integrated with Interact2 and can be added as a tool link.

A reading list can be created by pulling in records from Prim Search. Analytics can be provided on how often a reading is accessed. Students can also provide feedback and suggest a new reading.

Deployment
The Division of Library Services will begin to promote Leganto for academics to use in 2018 and 2019.
Adobe Connect

- Adobe Connect 10
- HTML version

Adobe Connect will be upgraded to version 10 in 2019. Some key benefits of this upgrade are:

- This will be an HTML version which has a new interface for users and no flash
- It’s easier to connect, fast and easy to use
- There is greater accessibility including support for screen readers
- Modern design

The Adobe Connect license has been reviewed for another year.
Located in Wagga is the Equine Centre. This exceptional facility includes a surgical room where a horse can be operated on. DIT were approached to see if a camera to film operations could be installed. A wireless Sony camera has been recently installed allowing filming that can be projected onto screens and feed into Panopto.