Spring 2015 Semester Newsletter

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What’s New:

• **Banner and Blackboard Now Integrated.** Instructors should NOT add or remove students in Blackboard sections. Going forward, all student or faculty enrollments should be processed in Banner. Changes made in Banner will be reflected in Blackboard the same day.

• **Mr. Tim Smith joined our group** as an e-Learning support specialist last year. Since then, he has been providing excellent technical support for faculty. Tim is creative and tech savvy, and we are very glad to have him on our team.

• **Weekly Blackboard Lab Session** is offered from 11AM to noon each Wednesday at room 124 in JGC Bldg B. Bring your Blackboard challenges, and we will work together to solve them! Anyone is welcome, no reservation required.

• The Division of Distance Learning has developed the website, **Instructional Technology Faculty Portal**, to assist faculty in finding the technology solutions they need for courses online or on campus. Stay tuned for more information.

• **Blackboard Q&A Sessions** are offered via Adobe Connect Webinar. Two weekly sessions are available:  
  2:00PM – 3:00PM on Tuesdays (https://lamar.adobeconnect.com/bbwebinar/)  
  8:00PM – 9:00PM on Thursdays (https://lamar.adobeconnect.com/qainbb/)

• Recently LU Online was **ranked eighth in the nation** for its online Master’s Programs. For more information on this recognition, please visit (http://www.kfdm.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/kfdm_vid_14597.shtml)

Helpful Links:

• **LUOnline Website** (http://luonline.lamar.edu/) The main website that provides most information you need. Announcements on the right pane include course schedules, workshop information, and academic calendar. Click on “Faculty” to find faculty support information.

• **LUOnline Workshop Schedule** is available at https://luonlineworkshops.wordpress.com/

• **Blackboard Help Videos** at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLontYa-ReEU1tzu1T5gfiX-JQA5nBc3isN

Semester Start Dates
- March 23, 2015: AP6 (Sp 2 8 week) starts  
- April 13, 2015: AP3 (Sp 3 5 week) starts  
- June 8, 2015: Summer (8 week) starts  
- June 1, 2015: Sum I (5 week) starts

Upcoming Workshop Dates
- March 24: Excel Reports Using Pivot Tables  
- March 25: Free Web Tools for Online Courses  
- March 26: Design of Instruction I  
- See Schedule for more information.