ZOOM VIDEO AND WEB CONFERENCING

Zoom, CSUN’s new video and web conferencing tool, is now available to all students, faculty, and staff. Zoom allows for video, audio, and screen sharing between up to 200 participants. It can be used from any computer, laptop, tablet, or phone, and it works on PC, Mac, Android and iOS devices. Any CSUN user can initiate a video or audio meeting, allowing Zoom to be used for any online meeting, whether between two or many people.

Starting in July 2016, this tool will replace Elluminate/Collaborate; faculty who currently use Collaborate will be contacted in February for training & support, and the Faculty Technology Center is available to help faculty transition from Collaborate to Zoom.

To learn how to get started with Zoom, visit: csun.edu/it/zoom. Videos highlighting the features are available on this site. For more questions on Zoom, contact the Faculty Technology Center at: ftc@csun.edu

APPJAM

This spring, all CSUN students are invited to think fast and win big by competing in CSUN’s mobile app competition, AppJam 2016. This March, undergraduate and graduate students can participate in CSUN’s month-long competition by creating a working prototype of a mobile app that solves a real-life problem that applies to the campus, or the community. Submissions will be judged on innovation, market potential, and user experience.

Students must apply by March 3, so please encourage your students to participate in AppJam 2016 to win cash prizes and start-up consulting to take their apps to the next level.

To learn more about AppJam, and for students to register, visit: csun.edu/it/appjam

PORTFOLIUM

Last semester, CSUN provided all of our students and alumni access to Portfolium, an ePortfolio network that allows users to showcase their work, network with fellow Matadors, and helps them get a job.

Helping students build their Portfolium presence can be a powerful way to link students’ academic work to real world outcomes. Faculty can play a key role in helping students translate what they learn at CSUN to viable job opportunities and professional advancement that will last a lifetime. Examples of the type of work students can upload to Portfolium include resumes, letters of recommendation, and projects they have completed in class.

To learn more, visit: csun.edu/it/portfolium
WHAT'S NEW IN IT continued...

CSUN Mobile App

The CSUN mobile app continues to add more functionality. A new Academics icon allows students to view class schedules and grades, view enrollment appointments, and access CSUN’s academic calendar directly from the CSUN mobile app. A Personal Information icon enables students to update their emergency contact, address and phone number. Finally, the My Financial Aid icon allows students to view financial aid information.

To read more about the CSUN mobile app, visit: csun.edu/it/csun-mobile-app

Moodle Upgrade

Moodle was upgraded to version 2.9. New features include quiz section headers, which allow users to customize a section or a page within a quiz with actual titles. Quiz questions can be conditionally released based on a student’s answer to another question. Instructors can also delete course/topics or sections completely from the course page.

To learn more, visit: csun.edu/it/moodle-spring-2016-improvements

myCSUNsoftware 3D Enhancements

Students have access to select software from any PC, Mac, Linux, or mobile device with an Internet connection via myCSUNsoftware. This semester, students in certain classes will have access to enhanced versions of applications to utilize 3D functionality: ArcGIS (college of S&BS), AutoCAD (colleges of HHD & ECS), and SolidWorks (college of ECS).

For more information, visit: csun.edu/it/mycsunsoftware

New Virtual Private Network

A new CSUN VPN is now available and is used to access university computing resources from off-campus devices. The new VPN offers the same security and functionality as the previous aging solution and is compatible with PC, Mac, Android, and iOS devices.

The previous Cisco VPN solution will remain available through the end of the spring semester. To learn more about CSUN’s VPN and to download the new VPN, visit: csun.edu/it/vpn

Technology Fair

This year’s Technology Fair will be held on Wednesday, July 27, focusing on trends and emerging technologies in higher education. This event is a great opportunity to learn about some of the latest technology trends from our CSUN vendors.

RSVP details and a full vendor list will be posted soon on the Technology Fair website at: csun.edu/it/techfair