



eFaculty News

Your electronic link to teaching at a distance

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Welcome

Thank you for taking a few moments to read the fall 2008 edition of Ecampus eFaculty News. Please let us know if you would like to submit an article or see a specific topic addressed in a future edition. Feel free to [Contact Us](#) if you have questions about any of our services. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.

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New assistant director in Ecampus



Greetings from the fourth floor of The Valley Library! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Rick DeBellis and I am the new Assistant Director for Department and Student Services. My responsibility is to assist faculty, staff and students in being successful when working with Extended Campus and our distance programs and courses. I work with a great team of people who are here to help. If you have any challenges or ideas, we would like to be your first contact for information and assistance.

I have been at the university for 10 years in various roles, including years as a student, serving as the lead for campus visitation programs for prospective students and planning OSU's orientation programs (START, CONNECT and term orientations). I have taught the Odyssey program, worked with Transitional Learning Communities (TLC), served as a volunteer academic advisor for the College of Liberal Arts START programs and most recently, was Assistant Director for OSU's Summer Session. These experiences have given me opportunity to work with many people across campus. I have spent my time here at OSU as a problem solver for students and faculty members. My goal is that if I cannot resolve an issue, I will get you to the person who can. Please feel free to contact me rick.debellis@oregonstate.edu if you need assistance.

Using the right Internet browser to reduce errors



Supported browsers for Blackboard are currently Internet Explorer 6 or higher and Firefox 2.

Firefox 3 for Windows often shows an error when users submit a file in the View/Complete Assignment section of Blackboard or displays "Please enter a valid file" when importing an exam. Firefox 2 does not have these errors. You can [Reinstall Firefox 2](#) here.

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Additionally, the rich text editor toolbar and the visual text box editor do not appear in Blackboard when using Google Chrome or Safari.

Uploading audio files in Blackboard



If you've ever wanted to add a podcast or supplement your online course with audio resources, take a look at these instructions to help you get started.

[View the instructions](#)

Online class delivery options



At Ecampus, we understand that not everyone uses Blackboard to deliver their courses and communicate with their students. Because many of our Ecampus students are used to logging into Blackboard for their online courses, please remember to post a note or announcement in Blackboard advising students where your course materials are located and where the class communication will take place.

Training for the launch of the new Blackboard



Be prepared when Blackboard 8.0 is launched in January by attending one of our training sessions in December. With sessions offered both on campus and online, there's an option to fit every schedule.

[View the session schedule](#)

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