2021 CAL Online Bulletin #2

Faculty Office Hours:

CAL Online Faculty Office hours are held via Zoom. Faculty can make appointments for **30 minute private help sessions** or you can use the **drop in hours** to get help, chat, share ideas, etc. Click link for Zoom site or use **Meeting ID** *909 537 7104* **Password**: *Spring2021*. Visit Cal Online Teaching Resources for other bulletins, videos & resources.
Drop-In Faculty Hours: Monday, Tuesday: 12-1 PM
Private Help Sessions: Send an email to tnelson@csusb.edu

Syllabus Monologue or Syllabus Game?

Instead of the typical faculty monologue on Day 1 where one essentially reads the syllabus aloud, consider other options. I'm breaking students into groups and sending them to a Google Jamboard. Each breakout room will have 5 minutes to write two questions about Area X of the syllabus on the Jamboard page corresponding to their breakout room number. After 5 minutes, they'll move to the next page of the Jamboard, answer one question left by other students and write two new questions about another area of the syllabus. Other ways of getting students to give the syllabus a closer look are a Kahoot! Game in teams, a digital escape room, or create a Quiz Show, Board Game or Scavenger Hunt with Flippity. (Idea inspired by an article in *Inside Higher Ed.*)

Zoom Tips

Blackboard + Zoom

In Blackboard, there are now two Zoom options in the **Course Menu** (left navigation bar). Click the **+** (plus sign) at the top of the **Course Menu** then **Tool Link**. The options are:

- *Zoom Pro*: This takes you to your CSUSB Zoom page with its list of upcoming meetings, past meetings and cloud recordings. This could be a handy link for you (uncheck the **Available to Users** option or **Hide** the menu item).
- *Zoom Meeting*: This link takes you directly to a "Join Meeting" button. It will start a meeting for your class.

Another solution is to go to csusb.zoom.us and Create a meeting. **Copy the link** to that meeting. In Blackboard, click the **+** sign then choose **Web Link**. Give the link a name (such as Zoom Classroom or Zoom Office Hours) and paste the link. The link will automatically take students from Blackboard to the Zoom app or to the Zoom browser interface. By setting up the meeting in Zoom rather via Blackboard, you can set the controls for recordings, etc. (see below).

Customize your Zoom Recordings

At csusb.zoom.us, choose **Settings** (left menu), then **Recordings**. You'll then have many options. Here are some you may want to pay attention to:

- Local Recording: If you turn this OFF, then students cannot create a personal recording to the class session (but you can make a Cloud Recording to share with them).
- Record Gallery View: Do you want all participants' videos to show (ON) or just the speaker (OFF)?
- Display Participants' Names
- Record thumbnails when sharing (the speaker's video will show as a thumbnail in the upper right area of the shared screen. Keep this in mind if you want students to see your slides AND see a video of you during the recording. In this case, keep the upper right corner of your slide clear (items will be hidden by the thumbnail video).
- Save chats? Save poll results?

Breakout Rooms

- Students can **choose** their own Breakout Room or you can **assign** students to rooms (randomly or manually). Breakout Rooms can be named, as well. If you "arrive" to the Zoom room early, consider having a "Students Only Lounge" Breakout Room as a purely social space for students to chat before class officially begins. Lack of social connection is a major loss for our students these days. Providing them with a social space is a small way of mitigating their sense of isolation.

(Ideas inspired by emails from Alysha and Dany.)