

# LTC Newsletter

April 2016

## Clicker Update:

Thank you to those who participated in our clicker survey, review, and evaluations.

### *Using clickers Fall 2016?*

Please contact the LTC Office.

We are working through the process of recommending a standardized student response system (clicker). We will contact individual faculty during the month of May with ordering information and training opportunities.



## G-13 Still Hall

Can't stop in? Make a "virtual" appointment - we'll meet with you online!

Call x1848 or [email ltcsupport](#) to schedule.



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## D2L WHAT'S NEW 2016!

This summer, the LTC will be focusing on several changes to Brightspace/D2L Learning Environment planned for Fall 2016 implementation. The most noticeable will be changes to some of the terminology on the navigation bar, course home page, and content area.

Other changes within D2L include the addition of two tools that will facilitate group work and motivate and engage learners.

We will be conducting live webinars over the summer, and in August to help you get started with the changes summarized below.

## Language Terms

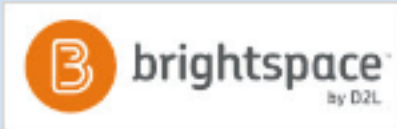
After in-depth usability testing, Brightspace/D2L identified key terminology for revision, with the end-goal of improving the user experience within the learning environment. Several key terms will change such as News, Dropbox, Edit Course, and New/Add Existing Activities in the Content area. These are **changes in name only**, the tools will continue to function as they do now.

### Most Visible Term Changes

CURRENT	Effective FALL 2016
News	Announcements
Dropbox	Assignments

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Thursday, May 12, 2016



### D2L NEWS AND TIPS

- **SUMMER WEBINARS:** See below and [email ltcsupport](#) to register.
- **Smart Classrooms and Labs:**  
**Windows 10 and Office 2016** - All smart classrooms and labs will be upgraded to Windows 10 and Office 2016 over the summer.
- **Smart Classroom Training-** Need a refresher or teaching in a smart classroom for the first time this Fall? The LTC will be offering training sessions the week of **August 22**. Please contact the LTC to schedule an appointment. Training is **mandatory** if teaching in Science and Technology (STC) 120 or 122 or Still 112. Call the LTC at 814-393-1848.
- **Release Final Grades in D2L-** Don't forget to release Final Grades so students can see their overall semester score! Not sure how? Follow the instructions in the [release fina / adjusted grades documentation](#). OR, view this [short tutorial](#). Remember, releasing grades in D2L does NOT transfer them to MyClarion. You will still enter your students' final grades in MyClarion.

The News and Dropbox terminology changes are likely to impact faculty who may need to revise language used in existing course documents to reflect the new terms. A Fall 2016 implementation allows time for faculty to make changes to course documents and for students to transition from the summer course interface. We will announce the language changes to students as well. You can preview all the pending language terms changes by clicking on the [New Terms image file](#).

### Wiggio



Integrated in the learning environment, Wiggio resembles social media and has three main areas: a "Feed" for communication, a "Folder" for content, and a "Calendar" for scheduling meetings and events. Wiggio is a great tool for group collaboration. Users can hold group discussions, assign tasks to group members, poll members, share calendars and schedules, upload and manage group files, and communicate using live conference calls, video conferences, chat rooms, texts, emails, and voice mail.

Everyone in the D2L classlist will have access to Wiggio through the Nav Bar.

### Awards Tool

The Awards tool will enable instructors to provide two types of merit-based awards to students - Badges and Certificates. Both are based on criteria determined by the instructor. Awards can engage and motivate your learners in recognition of accomplishments through activities designed to help learners succeed in a course or program. Certificates and Badges are similar, except that certificates include a pdf that users can print and include an official "statement" of certification.

### LTC/Partners Summer Retreat

*Partners in Teaching and Learning* in collaboration with *The Learning Technology Center (LTC)* will host a professional development series on **instructional design for engagement** starting with a 2-day "re-boot" camp/retreat on **August 10-11**. The session will focus on pedagogical strategies to **enrich student learning experiences**.

What does this mean in terms of helping your students engage with the subject, with you, and with each other? How do you keep this generation motivated for learning? Discover new tools, create collaborative approaches, and design methods that will resonate with your students more deeply. Tentative topics will include:

- Generation Z – who are our students

• **End of Semester Instructor checklist and documentation:**

- » [Release Final Grades](#)
- » [Backup Grades](#)
- » [Backup Course](#)

• **FALL 2016 Course Shells** - Course shells for Fall will be created on **July 6**. If you do not see your course listed after this date please work through your Department Chair to make sure you have been assigned as the instructor of record in My Clarion. Students will be added to courses no later than **August 15**.

## ABOUT

*The LTC newsletter is devoted to the support of instructional technology in teaching and learning at Clarion University. The LTC provides instructional design ideas and teaching strategies to assist faculty in course development. LTC welcomes news from faculty regarding classroom success stories related to technology integration and teaching. Please send your articles or ideas to [shoman@clarion.edu](mailto:shoman@clarion.edu).*

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- Wiggio – new D2L add-in for student collaboration
- Student response technology
- Video note tool – new in D2L - and other resources for instructional videos
- Universal Design/Accessibility
- Badging and Awards (new in D2L)
- Integrating current events

Follow-up sessions will be held for re-boot camp participants throughout the 2016-2017 academic year. If you are interested in presenting, please email [Darla Ausel](#) or [Jeanne Slattery](#).

## NEW Blackboard Collaborate Eliminates Java with Collaborate: ULTRA experience

Fall 2016 will also see a redesigned Blackboard Collaborate to give you a better teaching and learning experience called the "Ultra" experience. Collaborate: Ultra has a much more user-friendly interface with no software to install, and NO LAUNCHER ! Users join the browser-based session easily and quickly, no system java or launcher to install!

You can preview the new interface [here](#).

## Summer Webinars

### • Brightspace/D2L Language Terms Change Preview

**Jun 21, 27, 29 | 9:00 am**  
**Jun 22, 30 | 3:30 pm**

[Email LTC Support to register.](#)

The webinar link will be emailed.

### • Brightspace/D2L Wiggio

**Jul 6, 12 | 9:00 am**  
**Jul 7, 13 | 3:30 pm**

[Email LTC Support to register.](#)

The webinar link will be emailed.

### • Brightspace/D2L Awards

**Jul 20, 26 | 9:00 am**  
**Jul 21, 27 | 3:30 am**

[Email LTC Support to register.](#)

The webinar link will be emailed.

### • BlackBoard Collaborate Ultra

**Jul 27, 28 | 10:00 am**  
**Aug 2, 5 | 9:00 am**  
**Aug 4 | 3:00**

[Email LTC Support to register.](#)

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## **Virtual Training by Appointment**

Call the LTC to discuss the possibility of a virtual training appointment. We can provide web-based training on most university supported instructional technologies or work through an issue in your D2L course. Please call x1848 to discuss your training needs, or [Email LTC Support](#) to schedule an appointment.

***Please register for all webinars by emailing [LTC Support](#).  
Please be sure to indicate the session, date, and time.***

***You will receive a confirmation email for all registrations.***