Frankly Speaking: L&T for Science and Engineering

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Working from home again, pants optional.
Univative Launched

Some of your STEM students are solving 17 local and global challenges in their winter vacation

Over 130 STEM students from across eight universities took a deep dive into the Macquarie University-led Univative 2021 this year. Over four weeks till mid July, more than 370 students work intensively on the multidisciplinary challenges and solve problems faced by businesses and community groups.

In total, 17 local and global challenges will address the FUTURE of water, technology transformation, pandemic management, social impact and justice, diversity and inclusion, professional and community engagement, talent procurement, disability support, and more.

Univative 2021 is proudly sponsored by IBM Call for Code, Pexip, ABC, ACCA, DELL, VMWare, Australian National Maritime Museum, Royal Australian Chemical Institute, The Salvation Army, the Veriu Group, LEOR, The School Magazine, SCARF Refugee Support, Sun Rice, HCL- Water NSW, Academy Global, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia, and Amazon Web Services.

Students received training and coaching on project and team management, design thinking, and media skills. They will be using their discipline-based and generic skills to tackle the challenges. Some of these activities are suitable to be recognized as PACE activities. For more information, contact Univative@mq.edu.au.

L&T Team changes

Note that Natalie Spence is now part-time two days a week. These are nominally Monday and Tuesday, but are flexible. Fiona Thurn is still available to assist you full-time.
Natalie has taken up a postdoctoral research position in a University of Sydney ARC DP studying the development of interdisciplinary expertise and how curriculum can support it (https://interdisciplinaryexpertise.org/). If you have time over a tea break, she would very much enjoy talking with you about your interdisciplinary experiences.

We aim to backfill Natalie’s position. To ensure support is provided quickly, please send requests to ilearn.help@mq.edu.au

iLearn setup for S2

While the future is a bit uncertain with outbreaks and lockdowns, something you can safely prepare for S2 is your iLearn unit. The FSE template site is here, https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/course/view.php?id=43795 in case the S2 unit you’re going to deliver hasn’t yet had the template structure applied. Remember Zoom videos you wish to keep for future use should be placed in Echo360 as Zoom recordings left on Zoom will now be deleted after 12 months. It’s a good time to take stock and check the unit assessments haven’t drifted away from your stated unit learning outcomes. If you would like to do more to design your unit, the Senior Learning Designers are here to help. Feel free to contact Fiona or Natalie to assist to meet your iLearn goals: fiona.thurn@mq.edu.au, natalie.spence@mq.edu.au.

News in Brief

• The new Assessment policy launches, July 1. This Teche post explores some of the requirements around assessment workload:

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Library News

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Summary: The Library’s Unit Readings service is open to all teaching staff to ensure unit reading materials are available to students.

To meet copyright and licensing obligations, copied book chapters and journal articles must be managed by
New rules have been applied to the deletion of Zoom recordings. If you’ve missed the details, this article will catch you up:

Click here

The Library has rolled over reading lists in preparation for Session 2 2021. New lists or updates to existing lists are to be submitted via Leganto. Lists from past sessions are locked from editing. You must click on ‘Send list’ in Leganto to start Library processing. You can add new items to a list at any time - even during session.

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Beginning to Teach program

The Beginning to Teach (BTT) program introduces those that are very new to teaching foundational concepts and practices that are key to getting started with teaching at university. BTT explores perspectives on student learning; how to plan and facilitate a learning activity, and the basics of feedback and assessment. The program also gives participants the opportunity to plan, deliver, and peer-evaluate a short (15 minute) online teaching session on the last day of the program. The next intake will be in July, just prior to the start of Session 2.

**When:** 10:00am – 12:00pm, June 28 – July 23

**Where:** Zoom

[Register here](#)

Award application writing workshop

Tips for writing your award application for the Vice-Chancellor’s Learning and Teaching Awards.

**When:** 2:00 – 3:00pm June 30

**Where:** Zoom

[Register here](#)

Echo360 Universal Capture Workshop

Echo360 Universal Capture software is a free tool that enables you to record screen captures and webcam footage from your own computer.

**When:** 10:30am – 12:00pm, July 7
Where: Zoom

Register here

Learning and Teaching Podcast Discussion Club (July)

The Learning and Teaching Podcast Discussion Club is like a book club… but with podcasts!

‘Gender and group work – something you (probably) didn’t realise’ is our topic for July.

When: 12:00-1:00pm, July 7
Where: Zoom

Register here

Webinar: eAssessment Awards: Showcase of selected winners

e-Assessment Awards 2021: Showcase of selected winners – A joint Transforming Assessment and eAssessment Association session.

This session will feature short presentations and an opportunity for questions with selected award winners

When: 5:00 – 6:00pm, July 7
Where: Online

Register here

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