NEW TurningPoint 5 Features

1. NEW RECEIVER There is now a new receiver that includes a 4GB flash drive so you don’t have to worry about forgetting your lectures or losing your sessions. The new receivers work with both PC and MAC and have the software preinstalled on them. Make sure to switch your receiver by visiting TAC at Waldo 315/316.

2. NEW FRIENDLY USER INTERFACE The new interface puts all the software you need for a complete and easy experience under one umbrella. Turning PowerPoint polling, Turning Anywhere polling, Self-Paced testing (currently under pilot program), and Result Manager are few clicks apart.

3. POWERPOINT POLLING FOR MAC PowerPoint polling for MAC is available now (only compatible with Office 2010 and newer). As promised, starting this fall you will be able to integrate your question polls with your PowerPoint slides.

4. IMPORTING MULTIPLE PARTICIPANT LISTS / EXPORTING MULTIPLE SESSIONS TO BLACKBOARD Are you tired of importing class participant lists? Now you can download all classes you teach each term at once and update them without the need to re-import. You can also now export multiple sessions at once back to Blackboard.

5. MANAGE SESSIONS AND GENERATE REPORTS Powerful managing tools along with nice variety of reports can be generated now with only few clicks.
NEW Blackboard Upgrades

Blackboard will be upgraded from Service Pack 5 to Service Pack 9 in September 2013. Here are five things you should know about:

1 NEW INTERACTIVE RUBRICS  A rubric is a tool that lists evaluation criteria for an assignment. Blackboard’s interactive rubrics can be associated with assignments, short-answer test questions, gradable blogs, journals, wikis, and discussion board threads and forums.

Instructors can create, edit, and share rubrics and use them to evaluate student work, enter comments, and apply points from the rubric directly to the grade center.

The rubrics can be visible to students at any time, or only after grading has been completed.

Want to see some rubrics you can use and adapt? See OSU’s Center for Teaching and Learning rubrics: oregonstate.edu/ctl/communication

2 AUTOMATED REGRADING  Instructors can now fix problematic test questions by editing the invalid question directly and having all necessary updates flow automatically to the Grade Center. Instructors can drop, give full credit, change point value, or change the correct answer. After the question has been updated, Blackboard recalculates the score of all submitted assessments that included the updated question, reflects the updates in the Grade Center, and provides notification to both the instructor and optionally to the student for all impacted submissions.

Google Apps: 5 Things to Know

1 WHAT ARE THEY?  Google Apps for OSU are a suite of web-based collaboration tools: Drive, Calendar, Sites, and Groups. We can use them to store University documents and data, and conduct University business. They are covered under an agreement with Google as an OSU space.

2 HOW MUCH DID THEY COST?  Google Apps for Education is free; OSU is not paying Google for any service. Our agreement with Google stipulates that they cannot mine our data or serve us ads.

3 HOW DO THEY WORK?  All files and information in Google apps are stored “in the cloud.” That means you can access them from any web browser or mobile device. You don’t need to send email attachments or store files in a shared folder, because it’s all stored online.
3 SUPPORT FOR CHROME  Blackboard users can use the Chrome browser. Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari with Macs are also still supported.

4 TIMED ASSESSMENTS  Attempt information for timed assessments includes details on how much time the student spent on the attempt versus how much time was allotted. Instructors can choose to make the timed assessment save and submit automatically when the timer expires, or to allow the assessment to continue beyond the allotted time.

5 MCGRAW-HILL INTEGRATION  McGraw-Hill’s Connect and Create platforms are now integrated and available directly within Blackboard. This brings single sign-on and grade center synchronization between Bb course sites and the Connect and Create environments.

Please note: Bb integration with other publishers will be evaluated beginning W2013.

Learn more about the Service Pack 9 upgrade and access other Blackboard resources at: oregonstate.edu/tac/blackboard

4 HOW CAN I USE THEM?  Google Drive includes documents, spreadsheets, slides, and forms (much like MS Office); all edits, versions and comments are automatically saved as you work.

• You can create a Google doc or presentation and grant access to one or more people so they can view, edit, or add comments.
• Multiple people can view and edit a file at the same time.
• You can even convert MS Office files to the Google format (or Google to Office)
• You can create an online form to poll a group, plan an event, or gather information

5 WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A PERSONAL GMAIL ACCOUNT?  OSU Google Apps are stored and managed separately from your personal Gmail or Google account information. Best practice is to keep OSU-related files within OSU Google Apps; be sure to use ONID accounts when sharing files.
We continue our TAC webinar offerings this Fall term with some new topics, as well as with updated versions of our regular webinar series.

- Learn how you can use OSU’s new implementation of GOOGLE APPS for collaborative assignments in your classes with these tools.

- Discover what’s new in BLACKBOARD this fall with the Service Pack 9 update including the new look and feel, interactive rubrics, and other improvements!

- Participate in our new EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA webinar series! Learn about creating and editing media, assigning and evaluating student media projects, and more!

- Learn about the new TURNINGPOINT clicker hardware and software, and about models and strategies for using clickers in your classroom in the TAC clicker webinars coming this year.

- Our webinar lineup would not be complete without continuing our webinars on LECTURE SLIDE DESIGN and other presentation strategies. What about PREZI?

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