Hello, colleagues.

As Xavier is moving to working remotely, I want to assure you that staff in Instructional Design & Technology, Digital Media Services, and the CTE will have been doing:

- Promoting the use of learning management systems (LMS), such as Canvas, to facilitate remote learning.
- Enhancing digital content to support remote instruction.
- Creating resources that address the unique challenges of teaching online.

Here are a few tips for approximating, if not exactly re-creating, a more traditional classroom experience:

- **Support remote learners.** Make sure your students know what they need to do to be successful in your course. This includes communicating expectations, answering questions, and providing feedback. If you need immediate assistance with using Zoom outside of normal business hours, you can submit a support ticket here: cases.canvaslms.com/liveagentchat?chattype=admin or call the Xavier Help Desk at 513-745-9967, or through their instant live chat service here: https://www.zoom.us/chat

  - **Zoom.** IT supports Zoom as the primary tool for remote learning. Faculty and students can join a Zoom tutoring session by clicking on this link: https://xavier.zoom.us/j/9967

  - **Recordings and handouts.** Recordings and handouts will allow you to check in with your students later. Students can join a Zoom meeting by clicking on this link: https://xavier.zoom.us/j/9967

  - **Speedgrader.** You can use Speedgrader to assign and grade homework in Canvas.

  - **Virtual Workshop.** Amy Gardner, Instructional Designer, will be available Monday-Friday 10:00 Delivered remotely through Zoom link on the page on the Instructional Continuity website.

  - **Feedback in Canvas.** You can use Feedback in Canvas to provide students with detailed, individualized feedback on their work. This can be useful for formative assessments, such as quizzes and assignments.

Several faculty workshops are being offered this week to help faculty develop video usage strategies. Send Paul an email at dwooddell@xavier.edu or leave a voicemail on his office number, 513-745-7996. He will be available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Additional hours may be offered.

What if I didn't have to keep up regular grades for my students?

If you are concerned about whether your students are prepared for remote learning? Have you messaged your students and not heard back from some? Are you having trouble finding information on the homepage of your Canvas course? You might consider recording short presentations in VidGrid and include it in a Canvas announcement or message to your students, will make it easier for students to access the information and will communicate to them that you are supportive of them as remote learners.

**Try a Few Things Out**

- **Close reading and text annotation.** As you develop your course content, consider providing audio or video recordings of your discussions to help students understand challenging concepts. You can use Speedgrader to include comments and feedback in your assignments.

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**Announcements**

**ARC, CTE, and DMS Staff Availability Next Week**

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? The final course grade will be based on the following:

- 20% Participation
- 20% Assignments
- 20% Midterm Exam
- 20% Final Exam
- 20% Project

**New** Virtual Workshop: Zoom - Synchronous Video Conferencing - with Daniel Wooddell, Instructional Technologist, will be available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Additional hours may be offered.

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