

End of Semester Asynchronous Update

Feel free to add thoughts or questions below any of these items (use the comments function) and Katie and I, or whomever else wants to, will check back and respond.

- Zoom Subaccount change

As we've discussed here and there over the semester, the district is switching to zoom "subaccounts" (so each college will have local control over their own subaccount). This change will happen **July 1**, starting at 10:00 am and may take all day- so you should not use zoom that day. If you need to use zoom that day, let me know in advance, we can probably get you switched over earlier.

Benefits of the change: The district can customize the default settings instead of going with confer-zoom-wide defaults (though you can of course still change your own individual settings whenever you want). Eventually, we will have "single sign-on," meaning you will be able to use the same login/password for Zoom, Canvas, myportal, and your district email. Also, new faculty won't need to sign up for a ConferZoom account it will happen as part of their hiring.

Some logistics: Your extant recurring meeting links should still work, they will be redirected automatically (though at some point you may want to remake them all anyway). Your recordings and polls should transfer over with no problem. If you use the LTI for conferzoom in canvas, you'll need to switch it up- there will be a new LTI called SDCCD Zoom.

- New “similarity” checker (Turn it in Similarity)

This is actually already available- if you are in your assignment settings you should be able to see the plagiarism checker option box (as long as you have text or file-uploads allowed for that assignment). Right now you will see Unicheck and Turnitin as options, but over the Summer (August probably) the Unicheck option will disappear. There will be trainings offered in the new software, but I can say it is quite easy to use. I went to a training a few days ago and can share that recording when it is ready, but I’m not sure most will need training on it. It does seem more user friendly and robust than unicheck, I think it’s a good change. It also checks specifically for text manipulations designed to fool a plagiarism checker (I never cared about this until this semester, when despite my low-stakes, no-deadlines, very authentic assessments, I had a student doing all sorts of strange and complicated things to be able to submit plagiarized work-- this new software is able to catch all of those manipulations).

- MOST Fall for All: **Wed. Aug. 17th @ 10a - 3:45p**
 - Save the date for a series of Flex sessions on Zoom facilitated by the MOST to assist colleagues with course prep for Fall.
 - Asynchronous versions of these (also for Flex) will be made available by way of the Teaching Tree.
 - We’ll share the schedule in August, but [enroll in the Teaching Tree if you aren’t already](#).
- Our next MOST 4 week cohort will be offered **Sept. 12 - Oct. 7, 2022**
 - [Join our interest list](#).
 - Want a peek at our previous cohort? [Here’s our Refresh Recap](#) video.