

Dear faculty colleagues,

First I would like to say how much I appreciate the increased engagement faculty are having with the Teaching & Learning Commons and the learning technology team. We are working hard to meet the expanding needs of the University community. This email is to update you on a number of improvements we are making to Moodle based on your feedback:

1. The Moodle Mobile app (available for both iOS and Android devices) is now available for use with your courses, just in time for the start of the summer semester. This allows students who may own only a tablet or cell phone to have a similar viewing and interaction experience as those working on a laptop/desktop computer. You can download the Moodle App for free from Apple's App Store or from Google Play.
2. We have heard that there is a desire to have a scheduling tool for booking office hours or other activities. We have tested and now added this plugin to Moodle (available as an activity) and are developing documentation to support your use of this tool. However, if you are tech savvy and wish to play please feel free.
3. We have adjusted our course backup schedule and added additional server space to provide faculty access to their spring courses throughout the summer semester (they will appear in the "Past" tab). Note that students will not have access to past courses.
4. In order to help you and your students navigate Moodle and its integrated tools (BBB, H5P), the "Help" menu in the Moodle banner has a link for faculty resources that will take you to our knowledge base, which includes all of our documentation. The student link directs them to the supports available from the Learning Centres.
5. We are in the process of moving development courses to a special category in the main courses.kpu.ca site in order to provide full functionality of our tools (e.g., BBB) as you design future courses. The development courses will be titled with your name and course name.

We hope that these updates and enhancements assist you in your efforts to deliver exceptional experiences for students.

Warmly,

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