

CELT Newsletter: May 2020

Dear CELT Colleagues:

We did it! It is hard to believe that it is the last week of this very difficult semester, and the end is in sight!

CELT wants to thank you for all of your hard work this semester. Your creativity, flexibility, compassion, and ability to quickly shift gears all benefited our students, and helped them to continue their learning this semester. I know they are grateful for your hard work and dedication.

Now that the semester is almost over, take some time this summer to relax, restore, and remember why we love to teach! We all need a much-deserved break (I am planning a week long binge Netflix staycation on my couch), but please take some time this summer to reflect on the past semester and prepare for the fall. What worked? What didn't work? What would you do differently if we need to teach remotely in the future? What new pedagogical approaches did you learn that you want to continue? What do you still want or need to learn?

Despite uncertainty, the CELT Board is working on planning for the fall semester and are looking for your ideas and participation. **You will be receiving an email with an anonymous survey this week. Please fill it out by Monday, May 11 by midnight. Everyone who completes the survey will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25.00 Gift Card to Amazon.**

We are all looking forward to our return to campus and being together again. Have a restful and restorative summer and stay well, safe, and healthy! With appreciation for all you do for learning and teaching, Susan

CELT is looking for presenters for workshops in the fall!

Did you discover a new pedagogical tool this past semester? Do you have a *Best Practice* that you would like to share with your MCC Colleagues? CELT's motto has always been, *By the Faculty, For the Faculty* and we are looking for presenters for both SOTL and Tech Workshops for our August professional days and the fall semester. Please email your ideas to Susan Altman (saltman@middlesexcc.edu)



Upcoming Events

By May 11

Please respond to the **CELT Survey** that is arriving in your email and be entered in a drawing for a \$25.00 Gift card. We want to know what types of programming you need!

Helpful Articles

[Beating Pandemic Burnout](#)

[Be Kinder Than You Think Your Students Need](#)

[Fostering Reflection](#)

[20 Tips for Teaching an Accessible Online Course](#)

Meet the new CELT Board for the 2020 – 2021 Academic Year

Thank you to everyone who voted in the CELT Election! We want to welcome our new Board members and members who will be returning to the board for the upcoming year. Here is your 2020 – 2021 CELT Board:

Director: Susan Altman

Full-time Faculty Board Members: Chris Drew, Phalguni Ghosh, Dan Grek, Lorna Joasil, Adriana Mamay, and Crystal Quillen

Adjunct Faculty Board Members: April Johnson and Bill Lipkin

A big **thank you** to Jennifer Applebee, Shannon Bertha, Richard Thompson and James Martiney who will be leaving their CELT positions. Your dedication and hard work over the past few years has been a valuable contribution to CELT and your colleagues. You will be missed!

Ideas for the end of the semester

Consider creating an Anonymous Survey You may want to create an end of the semester anonymous survey (easily done in Canvas quizzes) to ask students what worked for them this semester. Asking your students for their opinions will help you to plan for future teaching and give you some valuable information for reflection. The survey will only be seen by you, and can inform your teaching going forward. We all need to plan for fall, and this will be a helpful tool.

Grading Final grades are due by May 15. Be sure to check your email from Richard Cole with the new grading guidelines that are only for Spring 2020.

Emails Be sure to check your email once grades are submitted. Students may be confused by the new grading criteria and will be reaching out to you with questions or concerns over the summer.

Teaching a Planned Remote Course this Summer? or the Fall?

Introductions Consider posting a video to introduce yourself to your class. Students can also post a video to introduce themselves to their peers. If you have a video shy student, there are other ways to introduce themselves – a photo, a slide with their interests, or something else. Let them think creatively!

Multiple Presentation Modalities Research shows that students learn in many different ways. Consider a variety of modalities to present content to your class in order to reach everyone.

Universal Design and Accessibility Posting a narrated PowerPoint? Please use Canvas Studio to caption your presentation, and then edit the text.



Do you have a “Best Practice” to share?

Do you have an idea that is working for your remote course? CELT is looking for your “Best Practices” to present at a roundtable when we return in August. Please give back to your colleagues and present.

The MCC Food Pantry and MCC Emergency Fund

MCC is raising money for students to help with their basic needs. If you can help, please donate [here](#). Thank you for your generosity and support.

Need Resources for teaching?

Take a look at the CELT website [here](#). We will be continuing to work over the summer to add new and relevant content to our site.

eLearning has posted numerous recent trainings and content in Canvas. Click the Help button and go to the top of the bar for Academic Continuity Training.