Instructional Design & Support UAB SHP

Tuesday Tip

Virtual Café for Alumni

Looking for a virtual Café- type website for ongoing communication with alumni?

Programs may request a website through eLearning and Professional Studies (eLPS) to host a communication forum with graduates that is sustainable over time – it does not end at the conclusion of a term. The one-time fee for creating/hosting the site and establishing the registration process is $280. This process creates a Canvas course shell and registration portal through Destiny. If faculty want assistance with creating and building the site, additional fees apply ($70/hour instructional design and $125 for media services). The set-up fee includes eLPS assistance with personalizing the course appearance and available functions.

The site can be set up for self-registration by persons who are given the URL by the program. If they do not have a Blazer ID or want to create a new one, that can be done during the registration process (instructions for how to do that will be provided). Note that these 'proto' BlazerIDs will be permanently functional in the café site or other eLPS professional studies programs only. They cannot be used to create UAB email addresses or access UAB features such as Blazernet.

A faculty member interested in obtaining a site should contact Kathy Mergl in eLPS, who will initiate a contract showing the charges for services needed. The faculty completes the work agreement form, including the Oracle account for transfer of fees and appropriate signature and returns it to Kathy Mergl. Once the Oracle charge is approved, the site will be created, and the URL will be sent to the faculty when the site is created and ready for build-out.