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# NEWS

## Transition for Euni Cho

After a year of excellent service to the University through as part-time Associate Director for the Office of Educational Effectiveness (OEE), Dr. Euni Cho has recently returned to SD full-time when new opportunities opened up for her. While she was part of the OEE team, Euni led in the development of the new Academic News & Insights Newsletter and was its first editor. Dr. Ken Nelson, full-time OEE Associate Director and

Institutional Researcher becomes the new editor in February 2019. While she was with OEE, Euni worked with many schools helping to assist programs with assessment and LiveText. Many schools and programs expressed gratitude for her expert and patient guidance. Euni also led out in the development of this year's New Faculty Orientation. The OEE team wishes Euni God's richest blessings as she assumes her new duties in the School of Dentistry.

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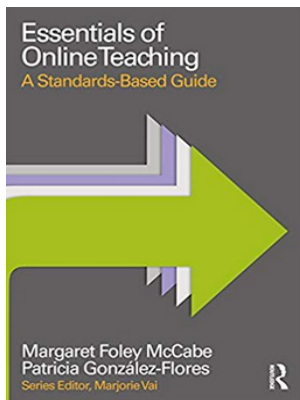


## Ken Nelson, New Editor for Academic News & Insights

[READ MORE](#) about the the new editor of Acadmic News and Insights, Dr. Ken Nelson.

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## Online Instructors Book Club for Winter Quarter



There is still time to join the Online Instructors Book Club, a “Lunch and Learn” weekly meeting for winter quarter via Zoom in the comfort of your office. We are discussing the ten-chapter book, [Essentials of Online Teaching: A Standards-Based Guide](#), by Margaret Foley McCabe and Patricia Gonzalez-Flores. This book aligns with the Quality Matters Standards and is required reading for the Online Program Transformation faculty. One chapter per week will be discussed from 12:00 – 12:50 pm on Tuesdays. Next Tuesday, February 5, we will discuss chapter four. Purchase the book now and start reading! Space is still available. Register [here](#). Hope to see you on Tuesday!

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## OPT Faculty Orientation

The first Online Program Transformation (OPT) Faculty Orientation met Wednesday, January 23, 2019, where faculty from OPT programs began the learning the process of redesigning their courses to meet LLU's standards: [Mission Focused Learning Standards](#) and [Quality Matters Standards](#).

The first cohort of programs includes 3 online programs plus 1 f2f program moving to online, from 3 schools with 37 faculty. 72 courses will be transformed over the next year or two that includes 67 program courses plus five single courses from programs that haven't yet started the OPT process. A course will take from 1-2 quarters to

develop. iDesign and HLP take one quarter per course to transform them. Although LLU does not have the resources or teams to do all the work iDesign does, we do have a good support process, online courses, materials, and so on, to help online faculty successfully transform their courses to meet the LLU standards.

ETS has also developed a Canvas template for online courses that includes all of the required components for successful online learning and has good design and user interface as well; they will modify it for programs that want to have a distinctive look. The template will reduce the time and frustration of faculty trying to individually do the visual, technical, and instructional redesigns.

OPT is a bold, collaborative venture that will hopefully improve student success for our current online students and also will ultimately increase enrollment at LLU. We are praying that God will bless all who are participating in this process and those who are supporting the faculty as we move forward.

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## LiveText Administrators Committee Changes Name

The LiveText Administrators Committee (LAC) has changed its name to Assessment Technology Committee (ATC) as a result of LiveText being bought out by Watermark. LLU continues to use LiveText and via™ which are now part of Watermark™. Because companies change products and names and because they can be bought out as well, it was decided to change LAC to a non-product name that would be stable regardless of what might happen in the future.

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## Want to be part of guiding educational effectiveness at LLU?

There are many ways that you can be part of promoting educational effectiveness across the University. Please review the list of OEE committees [here](#). If you would like to serve on one of them, we'd love to talk to you. Contact us at [assessment@llu.edu](mailto:assessment@llu.edu) for more information.

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## Mark Your Calendar

- **Online Instructors' Book Club** – February 4, 2019  
See announcement above regarding the book club.
- **New Faculty Orientation** - February 8, 2019  
New faculty who were hired between January 2018 to January 2019 are encouraged to attend the New Faculty Orientation on Friday, February 8, 2019, from 8:00 am to 12 pm. The morning will be packed with presentations from, Dr. Richard Hart, President, and Dr. Ronald Carter, Provost, plus many others from various University services that support faculty in various ways. There will be a drawing for professional books on teaching and learning, plus sign-ups for upcoming workshops. Your deans or chair may ask you to attend. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- **President's Day Holiday** – February 18, 2019
- **Student Video Competition** – February 27, 2019  
View student-produced films depicting the theme "Love is..." and select the winning producer of this student film festival. A \$200 prize will be awarded and the winner will be interviewed at the conclusion of the event. This is a [Wil Alexander Wholeness Series Student Film Festival: Depictions of love](#). Come support our students!
- **University-wide Homecoming Convention** – February 28 – March 4, 2019

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## LLU Noted as Exemplar with the Experience Transcript

LLU is listed in EDUCAUSE's 2019 whitepaper, "The Comprehensive Learner Record [CLR]," for our Experience Transcript as an exemplar of CLR. Congratulations to Dr. Rick Williams and his team! Click [here](#) to read the article.



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