The TLOS

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Fall 2019

1. NLI has a new name—TLOS: Professional Development Network (PDN)

Networked Learning Initiatives (NLI) is now TLOS: Professional Development Network (PDN).

PDN will continue to deliver high-quality professional development opportunities for faculty, staff, and graduate students.

For more information about the TLOS Professional Development Network:

Web: pdn.tlos.vt.edu
Email: tlos-pdn@vt.edu

2. TLOS Partnership Opportunities

TLOS offers several partnership opportunities to strengthen teaching and learning activities using technology:

- Sandbox Projects support research and development of emerging learning technologies.

- Seed grants, curricular redesign grants, and competitive research grants are available through the Innovation in Learning, Design & Develop, and 4-VA award programs.

- Design & Develop Awards currently undergoing revisions. New format coming soon.

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Web: tlos.vt.edu/partner
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3. Kaltura Updates

Kaltura Personal Capture, available to all faculty for free, allows you to record a lecture, give video feedback to students, or capture yourself working through a problem/example.

Kaltura also supports captioning for new and uploaded videos.

Important: When faculty copy a Canvas course for a new instructor, they should change or share ownership of videos to ensure that they work in the new course.

For more information about Kaltura:
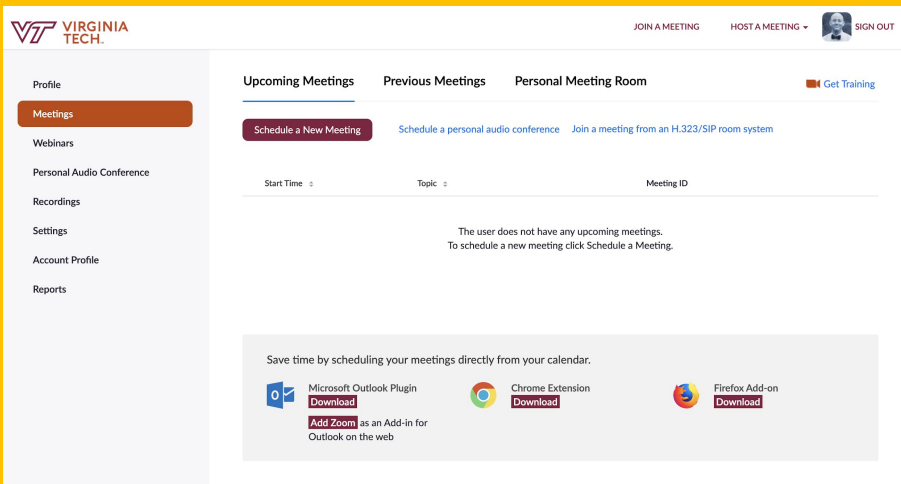
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4. Zoom Updates

Zoom is available to all Virginia Tech faculty, staff, and students.

15 Million meeting minutes have been logged since last September. (That's 28.5 years!)

Important: Zoom releases updates often, so please install the current version of the Zoom client to ensure access to all of the latest features.

Zoom Room licenses are available.

Zoom is currently inaccessible in China.
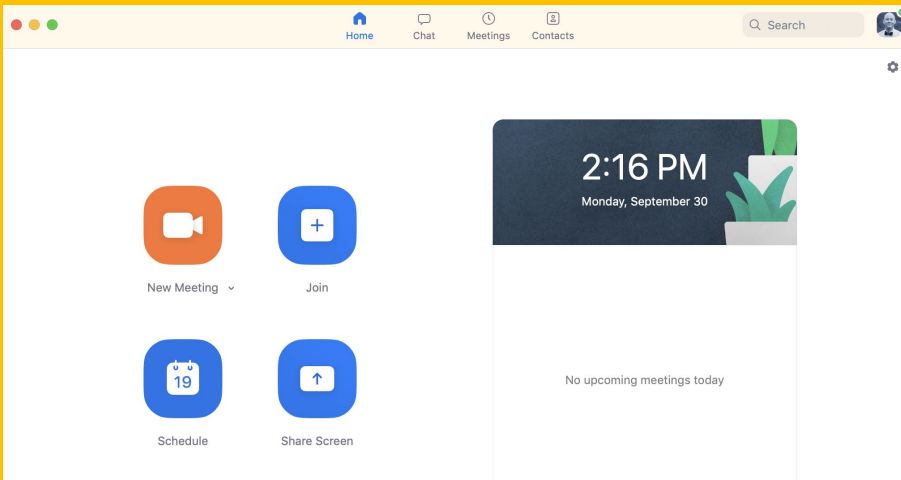
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5. Lynda.com transition to LinkedIn Learning

LinkedIn Learning offers unlimited access to the same content from Lynda.com, plus 5,000+ additional instructional videos.

If you used Virginia Tech's Lynda.com service, your learner history will be transferred to LinkedIn Learning.

4,000+ registered users to date.

For more information about LinkedIn Learning:

Web: linkedinlearning.vt.edu
Email: tlos-pdn@vt.edu

6. Grackle for Google

How Grackle Docs Works

Document Accessibility Made Easy

Grackle Docs is an add-on that runs in Google Docs. You can install Grackle Docs here.

When opened, it scans the current document for accessibility issues. It runs automatically when that document is opened in the future.

When the scan finishes, Grackle Docs arranges the document's elements and structures into 6 categories.

- Document
- Images
- Headings
- Tables
- Landmarks
- Content

These categories can be seen in the user interface on the right side of the screen.

Elements in each are marked as either accessible or inaccessible. Changes are made by selecting and editing these elements in these categories. For example, a table does not have the header row specified with a tag. When an element is changed with Grackle Docs, it edits the tags for that element in the document. This edit is immediate and no saving is required.

Grackle is a free add-on to Google Suite that provides powerful tools for creating accessible educational materials in Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides.

Exports accessible PDFs aligned with Section 508 compliance standards (checks against WCAG).

Aligned with TLOS's C.A.L.M. campaigns (Contrast, Alt Tags)

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For more information about Grackle:

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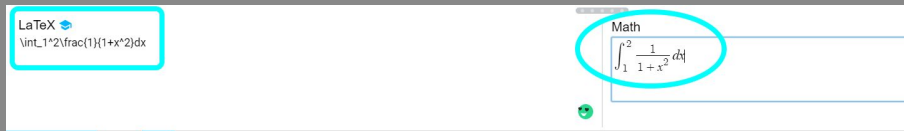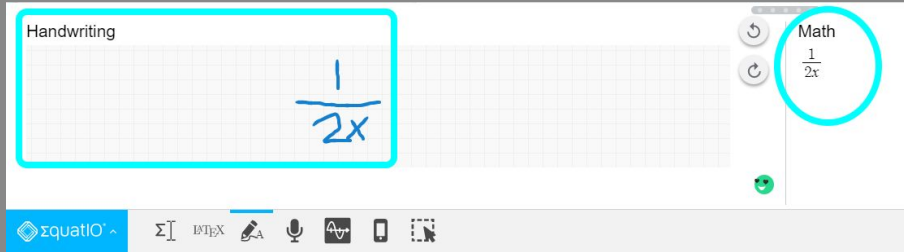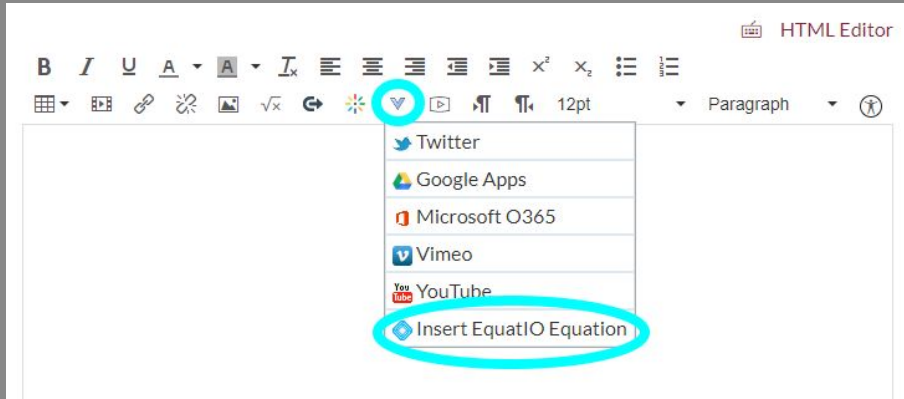
7. EquatIO

Easily add equations, formulas, Desmos graphs, and more to Google Suite and Microsoft Word.

Type, handwrite, or dictate any expression and EquatIO will convert the content into accessible digital math. Or use the large library of ready-made math, physics, and chemistry expressions.

Available on Mac and Windows, in Canvas's rich content editor, through the Google Chrome extension, and EquatIO mobile app.

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8. TLOS Digital Video Production Options

Whittemore Hall: Full-studio recording and production (including Learning Glass and drone camera recording).

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For more information about video production options:

Studio Recording: tlosled@vt.edu
Classroom Pre-Record: dlsupport-g@vt.edu
Equipment Checkout and DIY Studio: iostudio@vt.edu

9. Turnitin's Plagiarism Framework replaces Feedback Studio

Turnitin's Plagiarism Framework offers all of the same functionality as its predecessor (Feedback Studio) while improving integration with Canvas Gradebook and adding options for peer review and group assignments.

Option available for text-entry and file-upload assignments.

Uses Canvas's built in tools such as SpeedGrader instead of Turnitin's grading tools.

For more information about Turnitin's Plagiarism Framework:

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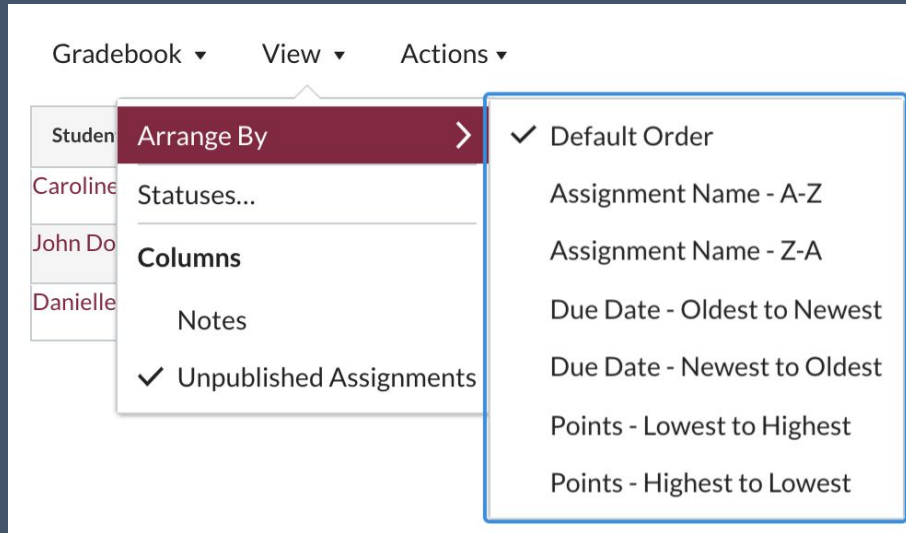**Kara Latopolski (Academic Integrity Issues):**
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10. Improvements to the Canvas Gradebook

New features coming to the Canvas Gradebook in December:

- Option for Final Grade Override
- Late Policy
- Change default status colors
- Updated sorting features
- Moderated Grading
- Anonymous Grading
- Speedgrader Filter for Groups

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