Fall 2015 Lunch Workshops
OWU Information Services Professional Development

Thursday, September 24 – Doing More with Blackboard
More students are coming to college having used an online Learning Management System (LMS) since elementary school. Learn how to engage them in discussions, activities, submitting assignments, and even taking quizzes in Blackboard. Such online interaction between classes enhances face-to-face learning. Remember, Blackboard allows students (and you) to access course content at any time, from nearly any device.

Friday, October 2 – Presenting with Prezi
Learn how to pan and zoom, import media, present online and offline, and work collaboratively with others in this stylish presentation tool. Learn how not to make your audience seasick. “Edu Enjoy” accounts—that provide all core features, 5 GB of storage space, plus private, ad-free Prezis—are no cost when you sign up using your @owu.edu email address.

Thursday, October 8 – Making PowerPoint More Powerful
Prepare presentations that pack a punch! Take in the knowledge of how to make PowerPoint powerful with animations, transitions and multi-media. Learn how to be agile in the classroom or conference room by keeping slides hidden until you need them, or package a portion of your presentation for a different audience.

Friday, October 16 – Microsoft Office Q & A
Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint are feature-rich and powerful products. Each contain many shortcuts and tools to help you work efficiently. Bring your questions or complaints and leave with tips and tricks, knowing how to use them better. Beginners, experienced users, and everyone in between are welcome.

Thursday, October 22 – Real-time Formative Assessment in the Classroom
There are many ways to survey a class of students for engagement, comprehension, or confusion. Clickers and other response systems encourage broad participation, but require an investment in hardware. Online systems, on the other hand, allow students to use their own devices—smartphones, tablets, or laptops—to respond to questions. Learn how to use these in this hands-on session with Turning Technology clickers and Poll Everywhere.

Friday, October 30 – Teaching Tools for Migrating Course Units Online
Learn how to migrate some of your teaching online, to begin engaging students between class times or to go the next step and evaluate their comprehension of assignments before they come to class. We will explore several tools for moving existing course materials and activities online, including Jing, Pear Deck, Office Mix, and Blackboard.

Thursday, November 5 – How to Build Engaging Online Content
This interactive training session will introduce backward course design to get manageable learning modules aimed at measurable outcomes. Using a sample from your own courses or one provided, we will together create an engaging online learning experience, and discuss what makes one more effective than another, or what makes for quality online learning.

Friday, November 13 – Introducing Microsoft Office Mix
Office Mix is a free add-in for PowerPoint that provides everything you need to easily create and share interactive online videos. It uses voice recording, video, digital ink, polls, and interactive apps to create a packaged, interactive lesson that can be played on any device. It offers insights and analytics to see just how your students are interacting with it.

Thursday, November 19 – Using Lecture Capture
Ohio Wesleyan’s new Crestron Capture-HD system provides a simple solution for capturing lectures, presentations, seminars, and training sessions in high-definition 1080p. The system records the complete presentation: class audio and video, plus what’s on the screen, in separate streams, so either may be highlighted or hidden. The resulting video may be saved to a memory stick or uploaded to Blackboard or other website for later viewing or review.

Register online at infoserv.owu.edu/professionalDevelopment.html
All sessions will be led by Instructional Technologist, David Soliday, in Corns 109. These noon workshops include lunch for all those who register by at least two days before the event. Information Services also provides customized group instruction and individual mentoring upon request. Contact David Soliday at dcsolida@owu.edu or x3130 for arrangements.