Video 5: Bells & Whistles

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We're going to wrap up with some bells and whistles. So, these are some neat little things inside Canvas that I want it to bring to your attention.

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The first one of those is Student View. You can actually test what the students see if they are enrolled in your class. So, this makes it so that you can verify that the class looks exactly how you want it to look. You can also check your publish and availability settings on your components in your class to make sure what you want is published, and what you don't want publish is not published yet.

Neatly, you can actually go into student view and submit an assignment. It creates a test student in your class, and it allows you to go through the process of scoring that assignment, so you can look at exactly what it will look like in SpeedGrader, and how you can annotate, and how you can utilize a rubric if you attach to rubric to the assessment. Student view only works when a course is published. That's very important - if the course is not published yet, students can't see it.

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Groups are really neat. They can enhance collaboration within a course. So, you can manually or automatically create groups and assign group leaders. You can have... you can do that yourself, or you can have the LMS do it for you. You can view all the groups activity to determine student participation in groups. I will say the caveat to this is that a lot of times students are working in third party apps, maybe they are creating in Google Docs. It won't show them working in the LMS when they still might be participating. So keep that in mind when you're viewing group activity.

Students also have the ability to create groups. This is really neat, I know in the past some of our students have used GroupMe outside of class to speak to each other. Now they can use Groups inside of Canvas, and those Groups allow them to share files, discussions, and to collaborate, and then that content activity can be viewed by the instructor.

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Canvas Commons is the learning repository that is open for public use. It is similar to the idea of Creative Commons where people publish their work out there, and they let you remix it, reuse it, repurpose it. It allows users to share content from a single page to an entire course. You can search by grade level, by the type of content or by outcomes. And so these are actually aligned really well to K-12 outcomes. But that really doesn't have much to do with us on our end. It includes reviews so you can kind-of judge the quality of the content without getting too deep into it. And you can import items you like into your own course so you're no longer recreating the wheel. You can see what somebody else has created out there, based on best practices, shared it with others on Canvas Commons, and pull it into your class very easily. More importantly, when you create something incredible, you can share it out with the Canvas community, too, so you can put your work on Canvas Commons and share with others.

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We also allow, Canvas allows for course importing, and it is quite easy. So you can copy a course from Canvas, from one Canvas course to another. You can even import from another LMS, as you see right here, it says Moodle 1.9/2.x, so I can import a Moodle file right into there. When you import, you have the option to automatically adjust dates to the new term dates so that can be really helpful if you're moving from Fall to Spring quarters or semesters, excuse me, you can push those dates out so that an assessment is due the third Friday of the quarter or the semester. You can also choose specific content, or you can import the entire course, so you do not have to pull in everything.

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And that's it! I do want to offer the ability for you all to contact me with any questions. Please feel free to! My name is Dr. Whitney Sivils-Sawyer. I am the Director of the Center for Instructional Technology at Louisiana Tech. This is my email address and my phone number. I would love to hear from you, and I hope you have a wonderful day!