Welcome to the Better Teaching – Better Learning Newsletter. This newsletter is dedicated to helping faculty become more effective instructors while helping their students become more effective learners. If you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see included in the newsletter, please email your ideas to jhunter2@email.arizona.edu.

Faculty Learning Communities
Nine new Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs) with a total of 90 members and 13 facilitators from 40+ different department have formed. The kickoff event, hosted by Mascha Gemein, Office of Instruction and Assessment, and others, focused on Inclusive Excellence and included an inspiring talk from Jesus Trevino. The small groups will meet seven times throughout the semester. A member of the FLCs last semester commented, “I was amazed that even though the group was mostly from science/math departments, the things we talked about during our discussions were very helpful to me even though I was the only one there from the Humanities.” This semester, Humanities and other non-STEM colleges are well-represented in every group!

Classroom Renovations
A group, led by Thomas Webb, Facilities Management Project Manager, renovated lecture halls and classrooms across campus this summer. The old and dated seats in PAS Rm 201 and BioSciences East Rm 100 have been replaced with seating similar to the those in the beautiful auditorium in the ENR2 building. In addition, ten new Collaborative Learning Spaces were built (see map below), bringing the total number of CLSs to twenty.

Visit from ABOR Regent
An ABOR Regent visited two classes being taught in CLSs and wrote an email to the rest of Board and the presidents stating, “Had a great visit to some active learning classrooms ... I must admit sitting through these classes and real time experiencing what the students experience was an eye-opener.” Visit a CLS sometime!

UA Collaborative Learning Spaces 2017-18 (Twenty Rooms)

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