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Cal Maritime Prepares to Launch Its New Website

This coming Monday, February 21, 2011 will mark the official launch of Cal Maritime's new website! The last time that the University's website underwent a redesign was in 2004.

The new site will actually replace the existing website this Saturday morning. Initially, most links in the new site will not work during this replacement process. Those broken links will gradually be fixed on Saturday and Sunday. Therefore, if you need to access your campus email over the weekend, please go to http://old.csum.edu (our old website) or directly to the Exchange email server at https://cmamail.csum.edu/exchange/ . Moodle users can access Moodle at moodle.csum.edu .

The new site, currently at https://csum-dev.csum.edu, should be fully live with working links by 8:00 a.m. on Monday. We encourage everyone to sign into the site by clicking "sign-in" along the top edge of the page using your campus network username and password. This will authenticate you into the portal and allow you to access any of the campus systems without signing in again. Remember – our current site (old) will not be taken off line immediately; it can still be accessed through a link in the "News Items" section of the new site's front page for a month or more.

This new website represents significant changes. It has been completely redesigned with new templates and navigation. In addition, it is now hosted in the cloud (i.e., it is hosted on someone else's servers somewhere off campus). The entire public-facing website is now really just a subset of the University's portal, which is provided to us by the CampusEAI Consortium in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, the portal's content management system (CMS) is now being used to expand and maintain both the external-facing website and the private campus community's portal.

The redesign provides a more intuitive navigation and a design with the feeling of a picture window instead of a keyhole into Cal Maritime. While the new public-facing website provides a wealth of information, campus users who logon to the portal will not find much in the way of content there as of yet. Building out the portal with private communities, departments and clubs with interfaces to data and information, targeting information to different users and communities, etc. will be a major area of focus moving forward.

We encourage everyone to visit the new website at https://csum-dev.csum.edu before its official launch this weekend. On Saturday morning, the new site will officially become www.csum.edu and the current website will become old.csum.edu. Throughout the weekend, numerous tasks will be performed in preparation for the go-live and the website(s) may be unavailable for brief periods. The old.csum.edu will be available for approximately a month before it is decommissioned.

If you like using "Bookmarks" or "Favorites" within your internet browser, you will need to replace the web addresses (URLs) for those pages after you have located them in the new site.

We hope you will notify us with any questions, questions, concerns, broken links, or missing information. Please use the "Contact Us" button at the bottom of every page. Be sure to copy the web address of the page connected to your comments and paste it right into the subject or body of your e-mail to webmaster@csum.edu.

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