Blackboard 8 Sneak Peak

Major changes
In this session, you will be shown:

- **E-mail** from announcements and grade center.
- **Grade Center** now more like a spreadsheet
  - add and change grades directly in cells
  - comment on all student work
  - freeze columns for easier navigation
  - hide columns, user-defined custom views of student and grade columns
  - new options for calculating, weighting and dropping grades
  - view history of all grade changes in the course.
- **Discussion board** redesigned
  - can be set to automatically create a grade column in the grade center
  - optional moderation and peer review of posts
  - tagging and searching by tags
  - email subscription options for new thread posts
  - ability to save a draft version of a post.

For a more comprehensive list of changes: [http://blackboard.duke.edu/faculty/bbupgrade.html](http://blackboard.duke.edu/faculty/bbupgrade.html)

Where to get help
Help site redesigned, with more video: [http://blackboard.duke.edu](http://blackboard.duke.edu)
Video introduction to new Grade Center features: [http://www.cod.edu/It/blackboard/V8/V8.html](http://www.cod.edu/It/blackboard/V8/V8.html)

For more personal help:
- call the Help Desk at 919-684-2200
- fill out a help request online: [http://blackboard.duke.edu/forms/submithelp_fac.html](http://blackboard.duke.edu/forms/submithelp_fac.html)
- request a group hands on session [http://cit.duke.edu/help/training/training.do](http://cit.duke.edu/help/training/training.do)
- attend a workshop [http://cit.duke.edu/events/calendar.do](http://cit.duke.edu/events/calendar.do)
- request an office visit [http://cit.duke.edu/help/training/training.do](http://cit.duke.edu/help/training/training.do)

What you need to know
Blackboard will be unavailable until May 10th at 6 p.m.
All of your course content will migrate to the new version of Blackboard
Your fall courses will be created during the last week of May, but you can request a course to be created at any time, from the help page