News from the Zoom Desk

Hello all!

As you may have noticed, Zoom has a habit of updating changing on a regular basis. They are constantly updating and offering new tools. With this, they do move things around sometimes. This can make it difficult to keep up and sometimes frustrating to understand where things have moved too or how they have changed. We are here to help. See below for updates on some new options you will find in your Zoom web portal.
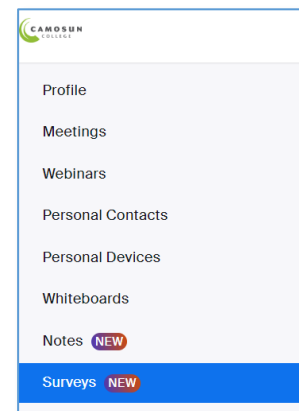
Remember, we are here to help. For more information or assistance, connect with eLearning using the Zoom help (Instructor) ticket in TDX (Team Dynamix).

Zoom Updates

Surveys - This is a new page that collates all the polls, surveys, and quizzes you can use with your meetings. This feature has moved out of the individual meetings section and into this new one-stop-shop.

Upside: everything is in one place, and you can use any of the activities created in any of your meetings. As well, it is easy to create new activities as they are all in one place and you do not have to search what meeting you want to attach them to.
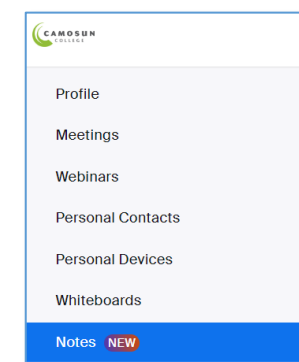
Downside: You will need to consider how you name your polls so you can differentiate them when you are launching them during your meeting. Consider using the course name/number or date.

Notes – This tool was added a bit ago. It provides you with a built-in note-taking app, which allows you to quickly capture thoughts, action items, and more from within a Zoom Meeting. As well, it can be used collaboratively with other participants in a meeting or shared with others.

Upside: stores your notes inside of Zoom so it is always available.

Downside: another place to store things that we cannot find later… Zoom Notes Features

Clips – This tool is a quick way to capture both your video and screen content, allowing you to share the recordings with others effortlessly and quickly. It populates directly to your Zoom Web Portal.

Upside: An easy way to create and share quick bits of information with our Zoom users (currently faculty/staff).

Downside: would need to download and upload to Kaltura or directly do D2L to share with students. Also, there is a limit of clips that can be created, currently we sit at 5 but I believe this will change. Zoom Clips User Guide

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