1. Students are accustomed to seeing their grades and managing their educational journeys. Faculty at many community colleges across the country have been utilizing similar software to post syllabi, handouts, grades, links to publishers’ websites and other relevant course information for over a decade.

2. Common education has posted grades for many years. Nearly all high schools post every grade in every class and many post-secondary institutions do the same. Likewise, students expect comparable visibility of their progress at OCCC.

3. Students want to know “where they stand.” Overall, our students are very pleased with their educational experiences at OCCC. Of the very few Academic Affairs aspects about which students are less pleased, it is not knowing their grades at any given point during their classes. We can do better as an institution to empower our students!

4. All course sections having the same information on Moodle provides consistency for every student in every class across campus.

5. The more information provided to students about their status in classes generally means fewer questions for faculty. If a student misplaces a syllabus or is looking for resources, they can find this information on Moodle rather than asking faculty. This could then free up time for more substantive inquiries, rather than those that are administrative in nature.

6. OCCC policy number 4022, entitled Student Responsibility for Learning, states: "students are expected to make maximum use of learning opportunities available to them." Let us provide our students with resources to make informed choices about their own education.

7. Once Moodle Grades are set up, they can be copied to future semesters. After set up, there is little additional work. Grades are surely being recorded elsewhere (paper, spreadsheet, etc.), Moodle is as good as anything! Grades can be printed and/or exported to Excel. Also, deriving final grades can be as easy as posting the final assignment grade!

8. Having Grades in Moodle decreases disruption should an unfortunate incident occur to any faculty member.

9. Having Attendance on Moodle shows students the official record of their status.

10. The Center for Learning and Teaching will be happy to demonstrate in your section, and is available to walk you through the process. There are also online resources available 24/7 at http://www.occc.edu/c4lt/moodle.html.