Panel Discussion: Distance Education up Close

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How today’s students study

Participants

• Suzanne Stensaas: School of Medicine, Moderator
• Lynda Oderda: College of Pharmacy
• Marge Pett: College of Nursing
• Erik Hjorten: Academic Outreach and Continuing Education (AOCE) in Annex
• Scott Narus: Biomedical Informatics Department
• Alison Regan: Technology Assisted Curriculum Center (TACC) in Marriott Library

Objectives

• Things to consider if you are contemplating creating an online course.
• Benefit from the experience of others.
• Discover campus resources to assist you.
• Perspectives on what works.

Focus of Panelists

• Lynda Oderda: Course for pre-pharmacy students
• Marge Pett: Interactivity in a graduate statistics course and online graduate Nursing program
• Erik Hjorten: Instructional Design, New Tools
• Scott Narus: Designing certificate and graduate degree programs for working professionals
• Alison Regan: Faculty assistance, course management, faculty grants, technical expertise

Lynda Oderda: Undergrad Course

• Extensive use of streaming video.
• Assistance received from Eccles Health Sciences Library and TACC
• Learning to use a learning management system, WebCT, to organize, communicate and test.
• Institutional support, getting course advertised, is it worth it? Any incentives?
• Advice for those considering creating such a course
Marge Pett: Long history of offering distance ed courses

- The types of courses developed.
- Enhancements with new techniques.
- How to maintain student/faculty relationships.
- The current focus in nursing is in delivering graduate courses.
- Advice for those considering creating such a course.

Erik Hjorten: Instructional Design

- The role Academic Outreach and Continuing Education AOCE
- How is AOCE different from the Technology Assisted Curriculum Center (TACC)
- New tools for increasing interactivity: Wikis, blogs, video conferencing, RSS feeds?

Scott Narus: Biomedical Informatics

- Designing a mostly online graduate program.
- Recommendations for HSC’s strategic plan for distance education.

Alison Regan: TACC

- TACC’s Mission & Accomplishments
- Course Development: Undergrad & Grad
- Faculty Grant Program and Deadlines
- Observations of what works