

TEC Friday Lunch - Clickers and Wikis with Christian Borja, 10-2-09

12:20 – 1:16pm

16 Faculty in attendance

Clickers:

- How many other schools use clickers?
 - U of I developed the iclickers and they require it in their physics department. Other departments don't.
 - Use of clickers depends on the university and/or department
- What if a student loses their clicker?
 - You can loan or reassign another clicker to a student manually.
- 7 faculty would like to learn more information about SmartBoards, feel free to call Christian to set up a time for training session.
 - Smart Board allows you to use your computer with a touch of your hand. You can access all sorts of interactive tools.
 - We have three Smart Boards, Ed department, Arabia and one in the Library Lab.
- Can you set answers in advance?
 - No, not until after the question has been asked. Then when you scroll over the answers it will show you the correct answer.
 - You can show the answer bar while folks are voting. Interesting to see how people vote while the bar is up and if they go along with what they think the answer might be based on student votes.
- Currently have two clicker sets to lend out. Call Christian to schedule using a set.
 - You can also send an Outlook "invitation" to Elsay iclicker. You can see when they are already being used and schedule your own use.
 - Set of 25 clickers costs about \$1,000.
- Are faculty using the clickers?
 - Ed Department uses them all the time, especially for quizzes and climate studies.
 - George Cooke uses them for a photo critique piece of one of his courses.
 - Useful for sensitive topics or in classes where you may have one or two students who "dominate" the classroom conversation.
 - You can also assign the clickers to a team and then that builds the student's teamwork
 - Really find that increases and improves student participation.
 - George is using them next week on Friday in his photo class if anyone would like to come and observe.

Google Docs:

- Can anyone get on your google doc?
 - You can create an account with your Prin account.
- Can you work "real-time"?
 - Depends on your connection, it's not like instant messenger.

- You will see a box in right corner that will tell you if others are editing at the same time.
- You can track all the revisions and compare them if you need to.
- Your page resides on a Google server.
- Do the students know about this?
 - Some do and some don't.
- Can you link documents to the wiki so that students can work off of them? For example a business plan?
 - Yes, what you would do is create a format so they can copy and paste into a new document. You can go to share and then invite people to work on your document. Will also show you who has access and where you can change ownership.
 - If you already have something on ppt or excel you can upload to the document. Remember that some of the fancier formatting might not come through.