Title of Session: Faculty Resistance to Online Learning

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RogerMG: What levels of students do you work with?

GeorgeK: I teach undergraduates, two lower division sections, and two upper division

sections

ZonglingS: I am a graduate student now, research on ict in classroom

GeorgeK: Where do you study?

ZonglingS: CHINA.I am very sorry for my poor English. I can know you very well, but I

can not express myself very well

GeorgeK: No problem, stop me or us if we become confusing

RogerMG: Hi Jason.

GeorgeK: Hi Jason

JasonGra: hello

ZonglingS: thank you

GeorgeK: Zongling, do many of your faculty teach using the internet?

RogerMG: Jason, What is 'Alternative Education' in your system?

JasonGra: At-Risk students. drop outs,

JasonGra: and behavioral reassignments

RogerMG: IC

ZonglingS: yes, we have online teaching

RogerMG: Have you been at that long?

JasonGra: about 5 years

GeorgeK: Zongling, Do all instructors use on-line approaches, or just some?

BJB2 hopes Jason will participate in the Alt/Correctional Ed discussion in February

RogerMG: That's a long time to work with at risks and behavioral reassigns.

ZonglingS: just some

BJB2 . o O (I've been doing it for 24 years, Roger!)

RogerMG: And . . .that's a long time toooooo!

BJB2 agrees

RogerMG: I worked with students like that for 5 yrs. when I was in my 20s.

GeorgeK: Ah, so there is resistance in China as well. Why do you think some of the faculty don't use on-line?

RogerMG: It can be stressful.

BJB2: Jason, what interests you about Faculty Resistance to Online Learning?

JasonGra: many staff avoid tech, I feel it provides a window into 21 century learning

ZonglingS: slowly, please. I can not follow you. I am very stressful

BJB2: Zongling, did you detach your chat window?

RogerMG: I would agree with that Jason.

BJB2 . o O (go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat window and click on detach)

RogerMG: Jason, why do you think they avoid tech?

JasonGra: they fear it will take too much of there time,

JasonGra: they feel its added work

BJB2: Jason, do you use tech in your teaching?

JasonGra: as much as I can

JasonGra: I use wikis, webquests, popwerpoint

ZonglingS: in China ,not all the teacher use on-line because of the poor environment

BJB2: great!

BJB2 nods to Zongling.

ZonglingS: web environment

JasonGra: what limits do they put on teachers?

BJB2: Jason, check out http://voicesfromloysville.blogspot.com/

RogerMG: Jason, we hear that same thing often, here in FROL . . . will take to much time, . . . adds work . . .

BJB2: Zongling, do you know about the webheads?

ZonglingS: we also have distance education project in rural school project

RogerMG: There is rarely anyone that deals with . . . but is it effective! And, it can be.

ZonglingS: no

BJB2: Tapped In has two members that you might want to contact about using tech. Yaodong Chen and Venny Su

BJB2: oh...and Aiden Yeh

ZonglingS: ok

RogerMG: Jason, I bet most of your students either have cell phones, (IMing), Ipods, etc. Would I be right?

ZonglingS: it's my first participation .so, very sorry.

BJB2: you are doing fine, Zongling

JasonGra: they do, yet we collect them at weapons check in the morning

RogerMG: You are doing good Zongling.

BJB2: all this chat text will be emailed to you when you log out

JasonGra: I let them bring in Ipod for podcast

ZonglingS: thank you

BJB2: Yaodong Chen chenyaod@lz.gx.cninfo.net

BJB2: he's in Liuzhou, China

RogerMG: OK . . .but if faculty who are not into working online with students see this, they are ignoring that that is the world that the students are living in . . .highly electronicized.

BJB2: Aiden Yeh is in Taiwan aidenyeh@hotmail.com

JasonGra: I agree, using technology is highly engaging, they are digital natives

ZonglingS: ok

RogerMG: It's better to use the tools of their world then to ignore them and do all paper and pen stuff, lecture, busy work, etc.

BJB2: Venny Su is also in Taiwan su@tcpa.edu.tw

RogerMG: We have the same thing on the University level Jason. Except we don't collect the cell phones, just ask them to turn them off.

JasonGra: just imagine, if they asked questions and then solicited the class to text friends to see if they knew the answer

BJB2: tell your little angels that if they go beyond "at risk" they will lose all access to the internet and they can forget ipods

RogerMG: Hang on a second. I have a great video tape about the millennials. I.ll go get it and send you the link.

JasonGra: that's very true, BJ. most of them don't realize how much they have until they lose it

BJB2 nods sadly. Although a lot of that is just being an adolescent

RogerMG: Here it is Jason:

http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/11/08/60minutes/main3475200.shtml

BJB2: thanks, Roger

RogerMG: Not too many people online tonight. Has this been a pattern of late? Post' holiday depression?

BJB2 nods. That and new grad classes starting

RogerMG: ic

RogerMG: We just started two weeks ago with undergrad. grad started this week.

JasonGra joined the room.

BJB2: yay!

RogerMG: Hi Jason.

RogerMG: Welcome back. Did you get the link?

BJB2: Jason, hold down the control key on your keyboard when you click on a url...or

turn off your pop up blocker

BJB2: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/11/08/60minutes/main3475200.shtml

JasonGra: that's where I went wrong

BJB2: got it now, Jason?

JasonGra: yes

RogerMG: Super!

RogerMG: It's a clip from 60 minutes on The Millennials (digital natives)

JasonGra: it is right on

RogerMG: Agreed

RogerMG: Might be useful to share with other faculty.

JasonGra: I just tagged it to delicious

JasonGra: it will definitely open some minds

BJB2: Jason, have you read Tom Friedman's The World Is Flat?

RogerMG: That's what we want to do.

JasonGra: I have not

RogerMG: Technology has brought us all onto one plane . . .due to rapid

communications modalities.

BJB2: a good follow up to Friedman's book is Daniel Pink's A Whole New Mind

BJB2: Zongling, both books are good resources for your research

ZonglingS: thank you.

RogerMG: Jason, a piece of research I came across recently indicates that most HS

students think email is passe' they'd rather IM

JasonGra: I agree, google talk has both

JasonGra: they want instant reactions

RogerMG: Google is going to own the flat world.

RogerMG: They sure do, and if they don't get them, you lose them.

BJB2: am I being foolish to think that we need to teach how to think?

JasonGra: that's where technology comes in, instant information

BJB2 . o O (life isn't always instant solutions)

RogerMG: One thing I've found useful is having students use wikis for writing personal journals. It doesn't work with all students, but some really get into it. I wonder if it

might work with your students?

JasonGra: they love wiki's

RogerMG: I set up personal journals that only they and I see.

BJB2: can you give us an example of how you use wikis, Jason?

RogerMG: I also have group wiki journals.

JasonGra: sure

RogerMG: Yes. I would like to hear about that too.

JasonGra: I have a staff wiki

JasonGra: http://synergyschool.pbwiki.com/

JasonGra: I also use on for grad school

JasonGra: http://horizonpages.pbwiki.com/

BJB2: Nice

JasonGra: the students use it for the stockmarket game, creative writing

BJB2: does your staff use the staff wiki?

JasonGra: I do not have the passwords for the student pages, I have them at school

BJB2: no problem, Jason

JasonGra: The staff has used it last semester

JasonGra: they prefer paper,

BJB2: If you get a chance to read the blog I showed you earlier...it would be great if your students could respond to our posts

JasonGra: The poem section was very nice,

BJB2: Jason, everyone needs a security blanket ;-)

BJB2: thanks

RogerMG: I like the wiki Jason

JasonGra: its ok.

BJB2: our time is almost up. I hope you got something out of the discussion, Jason and Zongling

RogerMG: Anyway Out of time. Back again last Thurs. of Feb. Bring friends and goldfish.

JasonGra: absolutely

RogerMG: Enjoy life!

JasonGra: thanks for the websites and the discussion

RogerMG: You are welcome!

RogerMG: And thank you for the wiki link.

BJB2 hugs Roger. Thanks for leading the discussions, Roger

ZonglingS: I am very happy. bye

RogerMG: Bye BJ, Jason, Zongling