**Team Presentations Using Digital Technologies**

As a result of the current pandemic, we quickly had to shift our courses to a fully online format. This has been an incredibly challenging but also a huge learning process.

The college has provided us with the Virtual Classroom (Bongo) tools to use for teaching and video assignments.

I allowed my students to vote on the research assignment in the summer semester to see if they would be comfortable with a video component and they unanimously voted no. I followed up with a survey monkey and then reviewed their feedback about this part of the assignment.

Using the empathy map, it showed me what their concerns were with the video component so I then tried to look at options to alleviate their fears. My reason to embark on this module was to see if there were options for student to work collaboratively and present a research assignment online.  I felt at first that it was best to mandate that they use the Virtual Classroom video assignment feature, as it is a college-endorsed tool.

In order to get comfortable with this feature I enrolled for a webinar session with through Fanshawe Learns.  This was a very informative session but I still felt a little trepidation having not used the tool myself. I have since attempted to practice and use this feature in old course sites but still feel I have a lot to learn before getting comfortable with this feature.

This has led me to thinking in a broader fashion about making the "presentation" piece of the assignment more flexible and less prescriptive.  Discussions with my small group in this module and Shauna have helped me see the value of allowing students/teams to pick their own digital technology to use.  I love the fact that there is a wide plethora of digital options and many could easily satisfy the learning outcomes that are attached to this student exercise.

This has been the biggest “aha” moment and I feel that I finally feel “it’s alive” and how I can proceed for future semesters in the online format. Over the summer, I plan to explore many of the digital technologies that have been shared in this module by our facilitator and fellow learners. I will create a wiki, which will incorporate a wide selection of digital technologies to share with future classes.

I am so pleased I enrolled for this module and the opportunity to engage with fellow learners and our wise facilitator.

Thanks,

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