



Going Where the Students Are: Matching Tools to Today's Challenges

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Overview:

- **Large number of tools being employed**
 - Clickers, OER, social networks...
- **Large number of challenges**
 - budgets, competition, student proclivities...)
- **Practice ignores potential connections**
 - Institutional toolkits vs. Student Experiences
- **Vision for campus canvas**
 - Dual tactical approach, under strategic vision

Challenges We Face (?)



Tools Available & Utilized (?)



Conflicts in Current Practice



- **Broadstroke Approaches**
 - Top-down, system-wide applications
 - External, third-party creation & provisioning
- **Confusion & Cubism**
 - Ignores student experiences
 - Ironic risk of incoherency
 - Learning & pedagogy
 - Resource allocation
 - Challenging & exciting
 - But not inviting or pleasant



Still Life with Mandolin and Guitar (1924)

Potential Plan for Re-Painting



- **Tactical Logic**
 - Making use of students' own toolkits
 - Address particular tools to particular challenges
- **Strategic Vision**
 - Take advantage of fuzzy realities
 - Of work, and of our audience(s)
 - More impressionist than cubist
 - From Picasso to Pissaro



Children on a Farm (1887)

Collaborative Design



- **Small Group Explorations**
- **Questions**
 - Which other tools have you used?
 - Which other challenges do you face?
 - Any department-specific tools or challenges?
 - Which match with which – or don't?
- **Instructions**
 - Materials: large paper & markers
 - Discuss ~10 minutes, summarize to room @ end

Draft/Example Chart



Challenges to (Constraints on?) ...		Social Networks (e.g. Facebook)	Open Educational Resources (OER)	Clickers and/or Other Devices	Elluminate	???
Students	Cost					
	Physical Distance					
	Working					
	Connection Expectations					
	ESL					
	Remedial					
Department	Student Diversity					
	Time & Schedules	<i>Adds flexibility</i>				
	Budget Pressures	<i>Time management</i>	<i>Saves \$\$</i>	<i>Saves \$\$</i>		
	Competition					
	???					

Summarizing Input (?)



Next Steps for Campus Canvas



- **Next steps**
 - Inter-disciplinary Cooperation
 - Teaching & Learning Bytes (TLB) sessions
 - Tseng College
- **Q&A (10 minutes?)**
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