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
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
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

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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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