Streamlining Bi-Directional Communication in Online Environments

A pervasive challenge for online learning is finding the balance between the constructivist approach while simultaneously establishing a sense of connectedness with the student. The exponential evolution of time saving applications and software can be of significant assistance towards streamlining bi-directional communication between faculty and students. These online approaches eliminate a significant amount of phone, Internet, and email time while still providing students with the information they need, when they need it. Examining various tools and applications currently available from the World Wide Web will provide an opportunity to potentially identify methods of enhancing and maintaining communication in the online learning environment that both time saving and less labor intensive.