SITE 2013 Proposal

Poster/Demonstration

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The FHSU College of Education Department of Advanced Education Programs is transitioning between BlackBoard Learning Management System and Google Sites and Apps. Some faculty are using Google, some are blended (using both Google and BlackBoard) and some are just using BlackBoard. The question arises whether students in these graduate programs are more inclined to take Google courses or BlackBoard. Are there issues related to using multiple LMS that lead to students dropping or being frustrated with taking classes at FHSU.

Programs within the department include:

   Educational Leadership

   Counseling

   Special Education

   Reading Leadership

   Several New Programs

The FHSU AEP Graduate Program is 100% online and there are currently 15 faculty that are certified as Google Educators. There are some faculty that have no current plans on teaching in Google unless the university makes it a requirement. Along with Google Sites, those using Google are using Groups, Handout, Plus and an additional (free) grading program called Engrade.

The planned Poster will highlight the current state of instruction in the department (number of courses, number of students, students who drop) and report on a 2013 survey of students that survey’s AEP students on their preference, knowledge of both LMS, and if they have chosen courses or dropped courses based on the LMS.

Data includes:

   FHSU Program Demographics

   Program course data

   Survey instrument

   Survey data
Comparisons between Google and BlackBoard preferences of FHSU students.

All data will be presented in large graphs and supported with a 2-page paper summary.

- Description of the planned Poster/Demonstration; should emphasize the problem, what was done, and why the work is important.

Poster/Demonstration presenters will be required to arrange for their own systems software and hardware.