

**Title of Session:** Faculty Resistance to Online Learning

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**BJB2:** wow, what a crowd! [Ed. Note: This discussion immediately followed the OTL discussion which Roger also led. BJB]

**OscarM** joined the room.

**RogerMG:** I agree, and it was fun.

**BJB2** smiles. Yes!

**BJB2:** learning a lot, Oscar?

**OscarM:** yeah actually, there's a LOT more online stuff than I thought it was

**BJB2** nods

**OscarM:** I thought WebCT was the only way of doing stuff online

**BJB2:** yikes!

**OscarM:** haha yup

**GeorgeK** joined the room.

**BJB2:** one major difference between webCT or any courseware like that and Tapped In is that in the courseware, when the course is over, so are your online contacts and resources....

**CarlaAG** joined the room.

**BJB2:** which is not the case for Tapped In.

**BJB2:** welcome, Carla

**CarlaAG:** Hi!

**OscarM:** good point

**BJB2:** especially for teachers, Oscar, it's important to be able to have that continuing dialogue with your colleagues

**OscarM:** agreed!

**RogerMG:** Carla and Oscar, we always get a good turnout from Texas here.

**DavidWe** joined the room.

**DavidWe** waves from Atlanta, Georgia

**DavidWe:** Hi, Roger

**RogerMG:** OK . . .we'll give it another couple of minutes for late arrivals, but in the meantime, I have a question: 'Why should we try to get others into online/E-learning?'

**RogerMG:** Hi David.

**GeorgeK:** It would be a shame not to use the excellent resource

**OscarM:** well, because we have the technology to do so

**BJB2:** so, why DO we want to get others to use online/Elearning?

**RogerMG:** Yes . . .why bother . . .

**RogerMG:** The (the resisters) clearly don't want to do it.

**RogerMG:** . . .and it really can be stress producing for those of us that are trying to encourage its use . . .can't it?

**GeorgeK:** Let me show my age and my generation's obsession with TV. Do we want our students to learn to live in a Wagon-Train kind of world, or a Star-Trek kind of world? If the latter, they need lots of practice with the tools.

**BJB2:** maybe we should define which resisters...university professors? K-12 teachers?

**DavidWe** . o O ( K-12 administrators? )

**BJB2** smiles...good one, David

**RogerMG:** Could be all of the above.

**RogerMG:** I mean, why not just 'give up' on them?

**BJB2:** kids don't seem to need the convincing

**DavidWe:** nope - the kids WANT to use the technology - tools they feel comfortable with

**CarlaAG:** What's wrong with them using technology?

**RogerMG:** Well, I've got plenty to do without the added stress (and time-consumed) by trying to convince others to get online.

**GeorgeK:** My business colleagues always tell me that, if I am not graduating students who are capable of living on a Blackberry, I am wasting everyone's time.

**DavidWe:** ??

**DavidWe** . o O ( they should LIVE on a blackberry - that's a goal? )

**BJB2:** problem is, does industry hire the professors?

**GeorgeK:** Be capable of conducting all manner of business on one.

**BJB2:** does industry drive the course curriculum? should it?

**DavidWe:** but the blackberry will be replaced by some other cool tool/toy in 5 years

**GeorgeK:** Industry does hire business and science professors by the drove.

**DavidWe:** IMHO, it's NOT ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY

**DavidWe** . o O ( critical thinking, skills, etc. )

**BJB2** . o O ( David is sooooo subtle )

**CarlaAG:** yeah I think it would be replaced... maybe by the new i phone..

**RogerMG:** Maybe, just maybe, I should just work with the 'converted', and leave the others (students and faculty) alone. What do you think?

**DavidWe:** Precisely!

**DavidWe** agrees with Carla

**CarlaAG:** the i phone has like everything

**DavidWe** . o O ( no printer )

**OscarM:** lol

**DavidWe** . o O ( no chocolate dispenser )

**DavidWe**: It's really missing some important things for me

**CarlaAG**: like what?

**DavidWe** is kidding, actually

**DavidWe**: I rarely use my cell phone, actually

**DavidWe**: I prefer my laptop and email to voicemail

**BJB2**: David, critical thinking has been taught for many years without technology...

**DavidWe** agrees with BJ

**CarlaAG**: oh well I pretty much use my phone almost for everything

**BJB2** . o O ( isn't that the purpose of a college education? )

**RogerMG**: <----becoming cell phone addicted

**DavidWe** smiles

**BJB2** . o O ( or any education )

**DavidWe**: I would say a bit about this retiring school principal, Dr. Tim Tyson, Roger, if you like

**RogerMG**: OK

**DavidWe**: He gave the closing keynote at the NECC Conference (concluded yesterday afternoon)

**DavidWe**: Superb presentation

**DavidWe**: Middle school principal in suburban Atlanta

**DavidWe**: <http://www.drtimeyson.com/>

**DavidWe**: He's leaving his school to become a speaker/consultant, etc.

**RogerMG**: Give us a quick and dirty synopsis . .

**DavidWe:** The school, which has been encouraging students to build short movies on VERY serious topics, has been doing some cool stuff - distributed worldwide through the school web site AND iTunes

**DavidWe:** <http://mabryonline.org/>

**RogerMG:** Interesting.

**DavidWe:** Real project-based learning by 6th and 7th graders - stem-cell research, organ donation, child slavery (in the production of cocoa in Ivory Coast) in Africa...

**DavidWe:** two of the kids were briefly on the stage with him in front of 5,000 NECC attendees

**DavidWe:** he was worried that the topics might cost him his job, but they were so compelling (and he learned about genetically-modified crops from his kids) that he couldn't say no

**RogerMG:** I always like seeing students at conferences to back up the speakers . . .gives it more credibility.

**DavidWe:** I wish you all could have seen the short films by the students

**DavidWe:** It's FANTASTIC to have student work exhibited

**RogerMG:** I agree.

**DavidWe** sits on his hands for a few minutes

**RogerMG:** Maybe I should try something like that to reduce my stress level of trying to convince others to get with it with tech.

**RogerMG:** I keep wondering how we could use TI more as an educative tool for faculty . . .we've tried to involve more faculty here, but they show up a couple of times and then disappear.

**DavidWe** . o O ( sustained online professional development )

**DavidWe:** Someone has to push the agenda, locally (someone at the school - an administrator or lead teacher)

**GeorgeK:** Maybe you should pretend they are getting CPE units or something?

**BJB2:** and the agenda has to be authentic learning for a reason...just as George suggested

**DavidWe:** That would be wonderful if we could manage to actually make participation in TI valued in that way, George

**DavidWe** agrees with Bj

**GeorgeK:** I come back because I learn something each time I participate.

**RogerMG:** Actually, in a university venue, we could push for recognition of involvement in TI as not only 'professional dev.', but as 'publication.' Tenure issues you know.

**BJB2:** Carla and Oscar are here because their instructor requires them to participate in a few Tapped In discussions

**DavidWe:** Teachers have to realize that not only is it expected of them to continue their own professional development - they need to be encouraged to see themselves as contributors to a "community of practice"

**RogerMG:** IC

**DavidWe** likes Roger's idea very much

**OscarM:** yeah it's a great idea

**BJB2:** Carla and Oscar, do you have to submit transcripts?

**CarlaAG:** Yeah

**RogerMG:** Are Carla and Oscar UGs or Grads

**OscarM:** yup

**CarlaAG:** yah

**OscarM:** undergrad

**CarlaAG:** I'm a UG

**DavidWe:** Do you, Carla, Oscar, see yourselves logging in to Tapped In when you are in the classroom?

**RogerMG:** ic . . .and both from Texas . . .are you both in the same U?

**CarlaAG:** I think I would

**CarlaAG:** Yeah

**OscarM:** yup

**OscarM:** well I don't know about me

**DavidWe** reminds folks that his feelings won't be hurt with a negative answer

**DavidWe** nods to Oscar

**OscarM:** well it's because I'm going into music ed

**DavidWe:** I appreciate the honesty

**DavidWe:** What would make it compelling enough for you TO login, Oscar?

**DavidWe** . o O ( sound? )

**DavidWe** smiles

**OscarM:** some more music issues

**CarlaAG:** I think I would log on sometimes to get some more info on different things

**DavidWe:** You know we have two discussions about music in the curriculum (actually one more focused on lyrics, actually)

**RogerMG:** Aren't there some music areas in TI?

**DavidWe:** yes, Roger

**OscarM:** yeah there are

**DavidWe:** Do you know about those discussions, Oscar?

**BJB2** nods to Roger. There was a series of Music Across the Curriculum events...

**BJB2:** and Learning From Lyrics

**RogerMG:** IC Wow.

**OscarM:** yeah actually, my professor discussed those the "Learning From Lyrics"

**OscarM:** but I was unable to make it that day

**DavidWe:** right, timing may not always work out, but...

**DavidWe** . o O ( hopefully, another time )

**OscarM:** I hope so!

**RogerMG:** How about the transcript Oscar?

**OscarM:** ..what about it?

**RogerMG:** Were you able to access that?

**DavidWe:** Do you know we keep the transcripts of all public discussions available for download?

**BJB2:** transcripts are archived at [www.tappedin.org/transcripts](http://www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

**DavidWe** notes it can be a bit boring to go through the transcript, sometimes, but, still...there may be something valuable that one finds

**OscarM:** oh well I didn't know they were available for download, I understood that only the discussion we entered were available for download...

**RogerMG:** Oscar, so you could hit the transcript and let the prof. know you saw it.

**DavidWe:** we've got years' worth of transcripts

**RogerMG:** Impress the hell out of him/her.

**OscarM:** haha cool

**BJB2:** most calendar event transcripts are archived a few days after the events

**DavidWe** wonders if people could act out the transcript with classmates

**OscarM:** yeah sorry about that!

**DavidWe** thinks Paul Newman would want to play Roger in the film version of this discussion

**DavidWe** smiles

**RogerMG:** I was thinking more of Redford.

**DavidWe:** well, also good

**GeorgeK:** I'd need Elmer Fudd to play me

**DavidWe** laughs

**RogerMG:** Good one

**DavidWe:** That's the CARTOON version, George...

**DavidWe** . o O ( another subsidiary market for the transcript )

**DavidWe:** I'll have my agent call your agent

**GeorgeK:** No, not for me, heeheeheeee

**DavidWe** laughs

**RogerMG:** We just had some UG relatives visiting us . . .they are totally into tech. Borrowed one of my computers, txtng everywhere, music vids. the works.

**DavidWe** isn't surprised

**OscarM:** lol wow

**RogerMG:** I wish I could use my thumbs on a cell phone that rapidly.

**DavidWe** . o O ( practice! )

**RogerMG:** Carla . . .how are you doing?

**CarlaAG:** Good..

**RogerMG:** Do you txt. message and all that?

**DavidWe** hands out some of his sister's home-baked chocolate chip cookies as treats

**CarlaAG:** oh yeah!... ha!

**DavidWe:** How many chat windows can you handle at the same time, Carla?

**CarlaAG:** I think everyone text messages now

**RogerMG:** So, how much time out of an average day are you txtng Carla?

**DavidWe** agrees although it may be everyone under a certain age

**CarlaAG:** at least 2 or 3

**DavidWe** nods

**CarlaAG:** a lot...

**CarlaAG:** I'd rather text than talk on the phone

**DavidWe** agrees with Carla

**OscarM:** isn't that kinda weird? a lot of people do that...

**RogerMG:** So, when you are doing other things (eating, drinking, hanging out) you're txting too.

**CarlaAG:** oh yeah..

**DavidWe:** There are times when I do want to speak on the phone (and when I really like speaking to someone in person)...

**CarlaAG:** I freak out with myself... because I do it so much

**DavidWe** smiles

**CarlaAG:** I try not to text for one day and I cant..

**RogerMG:** How about you Oscar?

**DavidWe:** do you feel you are addicted, Carla?

**DavidWe** wonders

**CarlaAG:** yeah... a little lol

**DavidWe** smiles

**OscarM:** I txt message once in a while about a rehearsal that I might forget about, but that's about it really...

**RogerMG:** There are much worse addictions Carla.

**CarlaAG:** oh yeah

**DavidWe:** Right now I just opened up iChat (AIM) and Yahoo Messenger...but I'm not chatting with anyone - just available

**CarlaAG:** I'm trying to work on it though,,

**RogerMG:** So, what do you think about the new Iphone?

**CarlaAG:** I like it, but it's way to much

**CarlaAG:** \$600..

**CarlaAG:** wow

**OscarM:** pssshhh

**CarlaAG:** I would never pay that much for a phone

**DavidWe** won't be running out to get one, even if it comes from Apple

**RogerMG:** Yeah . . . they also want \$60 a month for service.

**DavidWe:** Do you have an iPod, you guys?

**CarlaAG:** I do

**DavidWe** thinks the iPhone will combine phone and iPod and other stuff

**OscarM:** yup (music majors book )

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe:** Sorry, Oscar, should have known the answer to that one

**RogerMG:** Carla is totally 'electronisized.' :-)

**CarlaAG:** ha..

**OscarM:** haha

**DavidWe:** I don't have an iPod...not sure why it doesn't appeal to me more - I guess I can play music on my laptop, so...

**DavidWe** doesn't like wires sticking in his ears

**CarlaAG:** oh haha

**RogerMG:** I have one, and it's great on long, really long airline flights.

**DavidWe** understands that

**CarlaAG:** yeah I love my ipod when I go running or just walking to class..

**DavidWe:** it's certainly part of the businesswoman/man's gear in NYC - nicely dressed people with shoulder bags with white wires hanging down

**CarlaAG:** yeah..

**DavidWe:** I really think it is almost fashion, in a way

**OscarM:** yeah I agree

**DavidWe** smiles

**CarlaAG:** oh yeah...because of all the different colors..

**DavidWe:** absolutely

**CarlaAG:** and the different sizes

**DavidWe:** The accessories make Apple a fortune, I would guess

**CarlaAG:** yeah

**DavidWe:** but cool is something that is very hard to design from the start...helps to be lucky

**DavidWe:** and Apple spends a lot of money on "cool"

**CarlaAG:** I love how the new phones have mps players in them

**DavidWe:** yes, I think the goal is to have the digital "swiss army knife"

**DavidWe** . o O ( well... )

**DavidWe** smiles

**BJB2:** did your question get answered, Roger?

**RogerMG:** OK . . .running out of time. This has been fun.

**BJB2** thinks we should ignore the resisters and focus on those that want to learn in new ways

**RogerMG:** Of course, I tried (miserably) to play Devils Advocate . . .which I am not too great at.

**RogerMG:** I agree with BJ.

**GeorgeK:** Thanks everyone.

**RogerMG:** Oscar, Carla . . .Later.

**BJB2:** Thanks, Roger and George

**OscarM:** later! Good bye!

**DavidWe:** Thanks, Roger. Thanks, George

**BJB2** waves goodnight

**DavidWe:** Thanks for being here, Oscar, Carla