How can new technologies positively influence student learning?

Tuesday 11 March 2014
12:30pm – 2:00pm
Oceans Institute Seminar Room G.05,
cnr Fairway and Edward Streets

In the past decade and a half, there has been an abundance of new technologies developed that might aid learning. Online resources including video tutorials, online lectures and discussion forums have very much changed the way that students learn. However, the modern tertiary classroom has largely failed to keep up with these changes – the lecture/tutorial model employed for many years remains, and the format of said classes has struggled to evolve.

Through appropriate implementation of online technologies and associated processes, it is proposed that universities can better utilise the limited face to face time available to educators, moving the focus from a tutor-led example solving model to a more open discussion based style where face to face time can be used for more educationally enriching experiences.

A panel of experts led by Chris Breidahl, Director of the student led initiative ‘MyGuru’ will present their views and invite debate on this critical and contemporary topic.

The Panel

Chris Breidahl

Chris is a co-founder and director of MyGuru, an online educational company working in schools and tertiary institutions. Chris is currently in his fifth year of a combined Engineering and Commerce degree at the University of Western Australia majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Corporate Finance and Investment Finance. Chris is passionate about making education better for Australian school and tertiary students and has been a university tutor in the school of Engineering Computing and Mathematics at UWA since only his second year of university in 2011. Chris’s passion for education has driven him to pursue an exciting new goal along with the other MyGuru founders Alexis Hall and Andrew Walker, of providing free educational support to all of Australia’s school children.

Andrew Walker

Andrew is co-founder and director of MyGuru. Andrew completed a bachelor of mechanical engineering with first class honours in 2013 having been a tutor for first year subjects since 2011. Prior to studying engineering, Andrew was a project manager for a management consulting firm in Singapore specialising in operational performance and effective business processes and management practices in the financial services sector. His experience in developing efficient and effective operations led Andrew to join forces with Chris Breidahl and Alexis Hall to develop strategies to address the educational challenges that they faced as students and tutors - leading to the MyGuru platform.
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The Panel

Alexis Hall

Alexis is a co-founder and director of MyGuru. He is currently in the process of completing a combined degree in mechanical engineering and law at UWA. Alexis has a range of educational experience through tutoring - first for high school students and now as a tutor in a foundation engineering unit at UWA.

Phil Hancock

Phil Hancock is currently Winthrop Professor of Accounting and Associate Dean of the Business School at the University of Western Australia. He is also Chair of the Australian Business Deans Council Teaching and Learning Network. Phil is a member of the UWA Education Futures working party and CPA Australia Divisional Council in WA. Phil has been involved in a number of ALTC/OLT funded projects and is currently joint leader of the project Achievement Matters: external peer review of accounting learning standards. He has published widely in accounting and accounting education and is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Accounting Education. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, CPA Australia and the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ). In 2006 he received a national Carrick Institute citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning and in 2013 received an award for outstanding contributions to accounting education by AFAANZ.

Notes for participants

RSVP:
Please register your attendance to Megan Inkpen at fase-ecm@uwa.edu.au by Friday 7 March 2014.

Light lunch and refreshments will be provided.