

Faculty Explore Online Learning
Grant Received to Create Online Business Degree

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This past summer, faculty members toiled diligently to convert their regular face-to-face courses to the online format, which involved reworking their syllabi for the new eight-week format and evaluating courses using a detailed quality assurance rubric. Additionally, Dr. Jill Leafstedt, Director of Teaching and Learning Innovation, and Dr. Minder Chen, Professor of Management Information Systems, have led workshops to help faculty better understand online teaching and learning approaches and the specific tools available. Dr. Chen talked about the faculty development of online courses: “I have developed a series of videos in the past covering HTML and database tools because the online delivery mode can be very effective--one of my YouTube videos has more than 80,000 hits. When I learned about the opportunity to develop a fully online course, I immediately decided to pursue it with great excitement. However, I also realized that a successful online course is more than just a series of video-based recorded lectures. I needed to rethink how I could capture the interactions and dynamics of a traditional classroom. Working with Jill and other faculty members, we are exploring ways to facilitate online class interaction by using tools such as the Discussion tool built into LearningStudio and vialogues at vialogues.com that facilitates dialogues centered on videos. By studying the best e-learning strategies in designing online courses, we can ensure that we don't lose sight of student's learning outcomes and experiences in the midst of technical gadgets.”

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