

Using the Web Effectively in Higher Education

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Abstract

How I utilized Information Technology to reduce my load as a faculty member. I will demo my automated grading system among others. This system allows me to cut my grading nightmare by more than 50%. In addition, since the system allows the students to view their grades online at any given time during the semester, I do not have a lot of explaining to do. They are given a grading rubric in advance to help them figure out on their own why they get a certain grade. Simply put, the students are in charge. They get to monitor their own progress. They become more motivated. I have also designed a self-attendance recording web-based application whereas the student is responsible to record his or her attendance upon entering class using a password that the system generates randomly for every class period. Students who fail to sign in are considered absent. Once again, the ball is returned to them.

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