

Library Instruction Webinars for Day Students

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Grant Background

- UML Teaching & Learning Seed Grant 2010-11
- Proposal to investigate & select webinar software
- Work with faculty to develop webinars for 5 freshmen classes:
 - 4 College Writing I
 - 1 Intro to Sociology

Why Webinars for Day Student?

- To offer alternatives for faculty who cannot spare class time for library instruction?
- To offer tailored sessions that are interactive and allow for student questions?
- To provide students the means to review what had been covered in a library session?

Questions

- How would we structure the webinars?
- How would we engage students?
- How would students respond to webinars?
- How would we know what students had learned?
- How much would we need to change or adapt our teaching methods?
- What technical problems would crop up?

Webinar Features Wish List

1. Uncomplicated Feature Controls
2. Browser Based
3. 1 - 50 Simultaneous Attendees
4. VOIP conferencing
5. Desktop sharing & Application Sharing
6. File Sharing
7. Online chat
8. Switching Presenters & Controls
9. Polling, Survey & Feedback Tools
10. Session Recording
11. Attendance Reporting

Webinar Software Evaluation

	Adobe	DimDim	Wimba
Uncomplicated	✗	✓	✓
Browser based	✓	✓	✓
1-50 Attendees	✓	✓	✓
VOIP	✓	✓	✓
Desktop Sharing	✓	✓	✓
File Sharing	✓	✓	✓
Switching Control	✓	✓	✓
Online Chat	✓	✓	✓
Polling.....	✓	✓	✓
Session Recording	✓	✓	✓
Attendance Reporting	✗	✗	✗

What We've Learned So Far

- No matter how uncomplicated the interface it take more time than you anticipated to learn to use a new technology.
- You will always encounter technical problems. Make fast friends with staff in technical support (both vendor & on campus)
- Be prepared to pull your hair out and question why you ever started the project....but persevere.

Sample Webinar Software

- [Adobe Acrobat Connect](#)
- [BeaconLive](#)
- [Brainshark](#)
- [GoToWebinar](#)
- [Dimdim](#)
- [Elluminate](#)
- [Freebinar](#)
- [iLinc Communications](#)
- [Live Conference PRO](#)
- [MediaPlatform](#)
- [Microsoft Live Meeting](#)
- [My WebEvent](#)
- [omNovia](#)
- On24
- [WebEx](#)
- [WebMeetLive](#)
- [Yugma](#) (VOIP coming soon)