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Rocking the Course Development Boat:

How to build cross-college partnerships for student success

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Who we are

- Rasmussen College is a private, proprietary college
- Provide career-focused programs in business, design, early childhood education, health sciences, justice studies, nursing, and technology
- Operate 23 campuses in 5 states, as well as an online campus
- Student body of ~15,000 students
- Majority of classes offered online
- Library resources are 100% digital

Background

- “One Stop Shop” student support model
- Programmatic alignment
- Focus on faculty and advisor support
- Amazing collection of resources, low use
- Identified need to break down barriers to resource use by faculty and students



What LLS Brings to the Table

- Third party content
 - Academic and Trade journal articles
 - eBooks
 - Video content
- Resource development
 - Guides
 - Answers
 - Instructional videos
- Copyright awareness
- Information literacy



Getting Involved: Course Development Process

1. Subject matter expert is assigned an Instructional Designer
2. Kickoff call with SME, ID, LLS, program chair/dean
3. Weekly meetings as SME completes high-level design
4. Weekly meetings as SME completes detailed course content map
5. ID sends content map to be built in BlackBoard
6. Quality Assurance of final BlackBoard course

Perspectives:

Joan Saliskas | Instructional Designer

The Instructional Designer Role

- Apply instructional design theory and best practices to the development of engaging courses by targeting student struggles and creating the tools to overcome barriers.
- Assure that competencies are met at both a modular and course level.
- Collaborate with SMEs to find innovative, creative, and proven ways to approach course content.
- Lead the SME through the course design process and guide the content creation.
- Use technology to enhance the teaching and learning process.
- Analyze and enhance SME content to create a student-centered, resource-rich, interactive course that achieves the programmatic goals and course outcomes.



Getting Involved:

How We Got Started

- Domestic Violence Course Pilot
 - LLS attend every meeting
 - Copyrighted materials, YouTube, articles from internet
- Shortened Design Process Pilot
 - Very specific role assignment
- Encouragement from Instructional Design leadership
- Organic process because of previous relationships/foundation that had been built

Perspectives:

Rose Pogatshnik | SME & Program Chair



Partnerships and Collaborations

Cross-College Course Development Team

- Instructional Designer
- Subject Matter Expert
- Department Chair
- Librarian
- Learning Services Coordinator



Pushing Beyond Silos

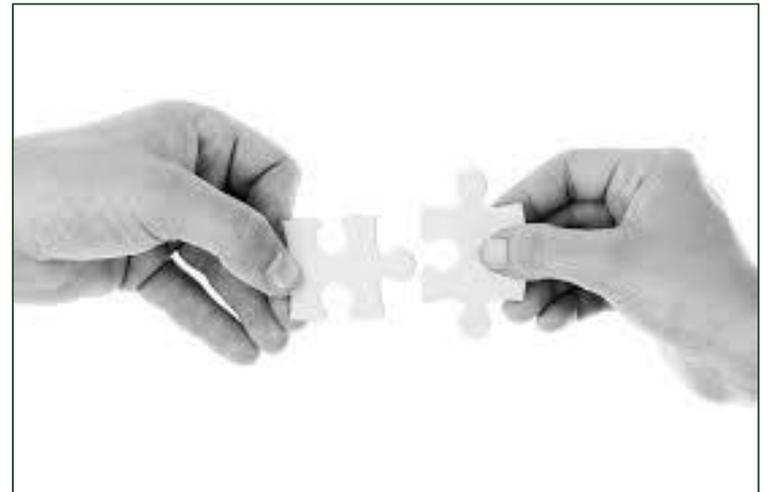


Areas of expertise/knowledge

- Content
- Learning Theory
- Course Design
- Degree Program
- Resources

Collaboration Evolves

- Meeting participation and process inclusion
- Variation between programs
- Instructional Design Team programmatic alignment



Perspectives: Tami Rogers | SME & Program Chair



Partnerships and
Collaboration

Tami Rogers, Associate Professor and
BSN Program Chair

Challenges

- Instructional Designer
 - Coordinating
 - Controlling course map
- Subject Matter Expert
 - awareness of services/resources/support available
- Program Chair
 - Time
- Librarian and Learning Services Coordinator
 - Brought into process too late to make significant contribution
 - Inconsistent communication



Assessing Effectiveness

Successes

- Embedding resources at students’ “point of need”
- Increased usage and awareness of LLS resources
- Resource experts contributing to courses
- Courses drive resources development
 - LLS Video Guide
 - Copyright Toolkit
 - Course Materials Guide
 - SME Guide
- Cost savings



Assessing Effectiveness

Creation of new resources and services

- Guide Development
 - Specialized Guides
- Tutoring Support
 - New Student Mentors
 - POST Exam tutoring support
- Course Materials Selection
 - eBooks as eTextbooks
 - OER Resources
- Custom Resource Development
 - Answers
 - Instructional Videos



LLS Resource Usage

- Library Home Page
 - Fall 2016: 25,315
 - Winter 2016: 65,592
- LibAnswers
 - Spring 2014: 67,560
 - Spring 2015: 179,058 (165% increase)
 - Spring 2016: 280,793 (57% increase)
 - Spring 2017: 424,828 (51% increase)
- LibChat
 - Quarter over quarter decrease in usage
 - eTextbook questions
 - Efforts to increase

Course Integration: High-Level

- Winter Quarter 2017
 - 33 Courses
 - 22 eBooks
 - 124 Videos/Images (library database)
 - 236 Scholarly Articles

Course Integration: Course-Level

- Medical Terminology
 - Guide usage WTR16 to SPR16 **66% increase**
 - Tutoring/Peer Mentor
- Foundations of Child Development
 - Guide usage SUM15 to FAL15 **200+% increase**
- Domestic Violence
 - Video usage
 - Instructional videos
 - Next steps: Dedicated guide page, LTI Integration

Next Steps

- Create consistency in process & involvement across programs
- Increase ease of library and learning resource integration/access in online courses
- Foster existing partnerships to promote positive and constructive collaboration

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Questions

