It Takes A Village: Building Strategies to Support Successful Student Learning

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VGCC Learning Community

...designed to help instructors learn & practice a variety of strategies that support successful student learning
Road Map

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About VGCC

Mission Statement:
“VGCC educates, inspires, and supports a diverse community of learners to achieve professional and personal success.”
About VGCC

• Four campuses
  ✨ Vance, Granville, Franklin, Warren

• Programs
  ✨ 34 Degree; 14 Diploma; 34 Certificate; Industry credentials
  ✨ Fully online programs

• Total student enrollment: ~10,755
• Faculty: 155 full-time; 313 part-time
Motivation

• Community college faculty
  ✦ Master’s degree in content area
  ✦ Little or no formal pedagogical training
  ✦ Pedagogical content knowledge (PCK)

• Multiple research studies (see reference list)
  ✦ Support faculty PCK
  ✦ Improved SLOs
Motivation

• VGCC Learning Community
  ✦ Classroom tools and strategies
  ✦ Improve faculty PCK
  ✦ Department/Division strategy to improve SLOs
    ▪ Data collection
    ▪ Positive feedback loop
  ✦ Professional development opportunity
    ▪ Accessible to all faculty
  ✦ Tailored to meet faculty needs at your college
Getting Started

• What time commitment will work for your faculty in terms of duration and frequency?

• Choosing a time & location

• Identifying presenters – internal vs external
Initial Presentation

• First week of the month

• Explanation of tool or strategy ~ 30 min

• Planning period for individual implementation ~ 60 min

• General discussion ~ 30 min
Follow-up Discussion

- Last week of the month
- Description of individual implementations
- Assessment of successes & failures with suggestions for improvement
- General discussion
Virtual Access

- LibGuides
  Learning Community LibGuide
- Online powerpoints
- Recorded presentations
Take Aways

• Support faculty PCK to improve SLOs
• Customized to address faculty needs
• Incorporate planning time into initial presentation of new tool
• Be sure to debrief post implementation
• Make virtual access available
References


‘The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration, our growth is limited to our own perspectives.’

Robert John Meehan