TALK, TALK, TALK

USING DISCUSSIONS EFFECTIVELY
WE CAN HELP KEEP YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH THE OBSTACLES.....
AND HERE’S HOW:

USING DISCUSSIONS IN E-LEARNING

• Settings and Management
• Groups
• Other Discussion/Meeting tools (Big Blue Button, Piazza, Voice Thread)
• Engaging Students
What are your Obstacles?
SETTINGS AND MANAGEMENT

- Forums vs Topics
  - Organizing
- Availability
- Moderating
- Blind postings
- Etiquette
SETTINGS AND MANAGEMENT

• Grading
  • Statistics and Grading by topic

• Time management
  • Focus and Clarity
  • Marking posts as read
  • Setting expectations for students (grouping)
GROUPS

• Random groups
• Group by section
• Manual groups
• Multiple groups
• Roster role in groups

USING DISCUSSIONS

Why?
• Engagement

How?
• Who are you?
• As a means to compare and contrast
• To focus on specific case discussion that reflects module readings and lectures
• Mixing on-line and in-class students
COOL TOOLS TO ENHANCE YOUR DISCUSSIONS

• Meetings tool (BBB): http://demo.bigbluebutton.org/
• Piazza: http://piazza.com/profs
• Voice Thread: http://voicethread.com/about/features/
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