

Summary of Meeting on August 11, 2006
A Discussion Regarding The Impact of Technology on Education

Changes and Challenges Group Noted

1. Greater school/learning without walls. Less emphasis on the physical classroom.
2. Greater access, on-demand, flexible.
3. More numerous online degrees.
4. Encourage our rural population to engage in a larger world.
5. Won't matter where students are.
6. Audio and video files by subscription.
7. Greater school choice (more options for education).
8. Increased emphasis on individual learning vs group learning.
9. How to insure collaboration workgroup skills in an increasingly individual environment.
10. Our faculty need more faculty development for these new demands and roles.
11. Greater need for virtual classrooms and online labs.
12. Students (especially older ones) have need for basic troubleshooting skills, how to solve simple technical problems.
13. Learning needs to reflect what students are already used to (blogs, iPods, social networks, etc.) in terms of technology and interaction with others.
14. Immediacy of communication and feedback (expected).
15. For example, gaming technology, but this is largely male. Can use gaming to teach them how to interact; already being done in several games.
16. Should we take advantage of this behavior?
17. How do we translate or apply these factors to learning?
18. Spread of course management systems (like WebCT) to K-12.
19. Extend COE services and resources beyond graduation to help grads continue to develop and remain connected to COE and VSU. (example – VSU student web pages become class web pages for K -12; continued access to course and program portfolios, etc.)
20. Busy students, widely distributed. Especially true for grad students. Those working and off-campus are a special class and may require different treatment.
21. Younger students are already collaborating through social networks.
22. “Old guard” in schools not receptive to new ways of doing things.

23. We need data on just what technologies are available in our service area schools. Which are used?
24. New technologies will help. WIMBA (desktop videoconferencing and workgroup application).
25. Spread of WiFi (wireless networks).