## **Engaging Online Students: Practical Interaction Strategies to Enhance Learning**

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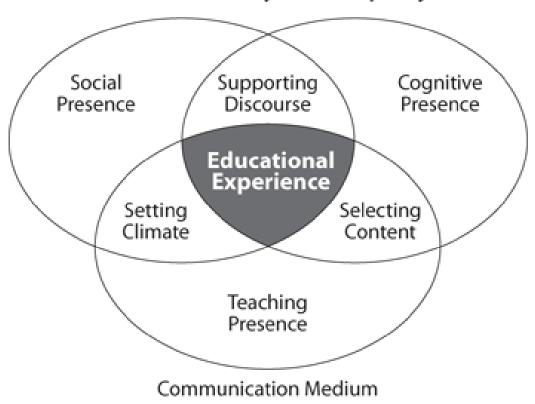
## What is the biggest challenge for you in online teaching?

- a. Failure of technology
- b. Limited interactions with students
- c. My lack of technical expertise
- a. Time commitment
- b. Others



#### Teaching & Social Presence

#### Community of Inquiry



Garrison, D. R., Anderson, T., & Archer, W. (2000).



#### Cognitive Presence

# Cognitive

#### Webcourses

- Assignments
- Assessments
- Discussions
- Learning modules

### Alternative Tools

- Concept mapping
- ePortfolios
- Peer review



#### **Teaching Presence**

## **Teaching**

Webcourses

Alternative Tools

- Instructor Introduction
- Announcements
- Mail
- Chat
- Assessments
- Screencasts
- Videos
- Instant messaging
- Web conferencing
- Virtual worlds
- Social networking apps



#### Social Presence

## Social

#### Webcourses

- Discussions
- Mail
- Chat
- Who's online

### Alternative Tools

- Instant messaging
- Web conferencing
- Virtual worlds
- Blogs
- Wikis
- Social networking apps



#### **Online Discussion**

A Connected Stance encourages online participation and engagement.

#### **Questions:**

- In what ways do you encourage online participation and engagement?
- How do you measure online participation and engagement?



#### Moves

- Introducing a new topic
- Sharing opinion
- Sharing beliefs
- Connecting to other readings
- Connecting to own experiences
- Connecting to their own classrooms
- Connecting to their own thinking
- Building rapport
- Suggesting organizational theme
- Revealing their own struggles
- Responding to a peer's question

- Giving information
- Giving advice
- Connecting to a previous thought
- Questioning (or wondering)
- Giving an example
- Sharing "Grand idea"
- Challenging a peer
- Connecting to course content
- Using humor
- Couches reply to inform audience
- Leading up to a conclusion
- Drawing a conclusion
- Challenging course content



Number of Moves Engagement





Low Engagement

High Participation,

**Connected Stanc** 

High Engagement

High Participation.

Low Engagement

Low Participation

Disconnected Star

High Engagement

Low Participation



#### Making Expectations Explicit. .

 Structure of Discussion boards: 3R: Respond, react, reply

- Rubric
- Examples
- Social Networking
  - Tweets
  - E-mails/phone calls
  - Announcements



#### Discussion Rubric

- Content Understanding
   Comprehension of the content under discussion
- Reasoning
   Ability to use the content to explore an issue, answer a question, make a decision, or discuss a point
- Interaction with Others
- Language Conventions
- Mechanics



### Questions?

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