Carpe Diem Event – Change & Management Learning

Thursday 19th January 2006, 9.30 – 4.00 in H222

Programme

Participants: Change & Management Learning subject group - c22 people

Objective: To reflect on assessment practices in key modules (i.e. those with large numbers of students where the assessment load is currently high) with a view to:

- 1) reducing your assessment workload and
- 2) enhancing feedback to students i.e. so that it is more useful, more timely, more individual, more consistently provided across large cohorts.

i.e. the REAP project objectives

Underpinning research literature

- Nicol (2004) Introduces 7 principles of 'good' feedback in assessment
- Boud (2005) suggests current practice in HE is assessment <u>of</u> learning but advocates we should move towards assessment <u>for</u> learning and assessment <u>in</u> learning.

How can e-technologies help you to incorporate Nicol's 7 principles; shift emphasis away from end-of module emphasis towards assessment *for* and *in* learning?

e.g. By;

- 1. using formative assessment and feedback shifting emphasis from end-of module assessment;
- 2. integrating online and offline learning activities;
- 3. designing your module to develop the independent, self-regulating learner rather than dependent, passive learner.

Some e-technologies that might be used:

- 1. MCQs self, peer, diagnostic, formative and summative designing appropriate MCQs with more useful feedback
- 2. E-portfolio approach using continuous or staged CW assessments
- 3. E-case studies involving problem solving and decision making (group or individual activity)
- 4. Simulations and games involving problem solving and decision making (group or individual activity)
- 5. Using Electronic Feedback Databases for marking written assessments
- 6. Using Electronic Voting Systems in large lectures

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Workshop Timetable

19.1.06

9.30 – Welcome & Introduction

• NB Bring a module handbook, working groups 2/3/4

10.00 - 10.30 Activity 1 - started

10.30 - 10.45 Coffee/tea break

10.45 – 11.15 Activity 1 - continued

11.15 - Reporting Back

Aims – awareness raised + action plan for own modules to enhance feedback, review assessment (formative or summative).

12.30 Lunch Break

1.30 - Resume

2.00 - 3.00 Activity 2

3.00 - 4.00 - Report back

Aims - identify e-assessment options.

4.00 pm - Conclusion, evaluation and whither next?