

Week #2 Recorded session Al Mufarji

The blueberry story: The businessman tells a group of K-12 teachers that if he runs his business the way the teachers operate their school, he will not stay long in his business. The teachers were not happy with the businessman's words. He is convinced in two things. First he wants public schools to make a change. The second thing he thought that educators are part of the problem and encouraged them to look into business.

One of the teachers asked the business what he will do if he received blueberries that were not good quality. The businessman insisted that he will send them again. The teacher explained that in her case they cannot send them back in whatever quality they are in. This is the reason that it is not a business but a school. Teachers must change by giving maximum opportunity to the society but they cannot do this change alone. They need the support of the community as well.

Assignment

QM Standard # 5: Learner interaction and engagement

This QM talks about ways on how to engage students' to become active learners and to contribute to their learning process and student success. In distance learning there was lack of interaction as people thought is due to geographical isolation. This theory is known as TDT. Research suggests that there is more distance between participants than just geographical isolation.

The instructor explained in details about learner interaction and engagement by giving examples. Three types of interaction that are necessary for educational experiences are learner2content, learner2instructor and learner2learner.

QM # 6: Course technology

The objective of this QM is to assure that the tools used for teaching align with the objective to support the course learning objectives. Examples could be discussion boards, chat rooms, grade book, social media etc.

We are going to try 5 tools for this week

Gradebook, create groups, create discussions, create BB-collaborative and do a quality check. Then step 2 of the assignment is to do the LMS QM weekly evaluation by comparing and adding screen shots. The last thing we have to do is QM evaluation overview for this week. The deadline is Saturday midnight. Peer Review will be due by Tuesday before our BB class at 4PM.

Any queries or doubts, the instructor is around and can be contacted either by email or phone. Email is the best way to reach her.