Coaching, Mentoring, and Support

Case Study

A student was having difficulty getting her completed assignments to the professor on time and couldn’t meet on campus. After several attempts to meet in “virtual office hours on-line” to discuss a resolution, Dr. Humphrey sent her an invitation to deposit her completed homework in his Dropbox. He was then able to mark the assignments and return them to her. He was also able to share with her marked up versions of relevant literature he found using RSS feeds he set up with Albertsons Library resources. Once she mastered the process, the remainder of the semester ran more smoothly. Absent a satisfactory means to submit for review, receive feedback and review and return homework, this student would likely have failed the class.

Applications Used

*Drop Box (free)*
Bring all your photos, docs and videos anywhere. After you install Dropbox on your computer, any file you save to your Dropbox will automatically save to all your computers, iphone and iPad and even the Dropbox website. With Dropbox you can take anything that matters to you on the go. Students can drop their homework into your Dropbox and you can return corrections and comments to theirs.

*iAnnotate PDF ($9.99)*
Useful app to read, annotate and share your PDFs with students or peers. Great if you read large amounts of research or journal articles and need to mark and annotate them. Useful for grading student work. Contains a fully searchable library to organize, find and read documents. You can read, annotate and highlight PDF documents, add drawings and handwritten notes, manage your files, and share them via email. And, iAnnotate integrates with the free DropBox app.

Other Apps for Coaching, Mentoring, and Support

- Skype (for office hours away from the office)
- Blackboard Mobile Learn (for facilitation of discussions boards)
- Coach’s Eye (for reflection and feedback on performance)
- Information-access apps like the mobile web browser for working with small groups or individuals during class