BLACKBOARD TIP OF THE WEEK

Try out our new online tool: Delphi Evaluation

At our inspiration day Bb@ST last autumn we had a vote on which tool for Blackboard you would like to be developed. You chose an online version of the Delphi Evaluation in Blackboard.

The Delphi method is a widely used and accepted technique for gathering knowledge from respondents within their field of expertise, in this case the students. Many educators at Aarhus University already use this technique but in paper. This requires some logistics since the number of students in class has increased. This is the reason why we want to provide you with this tool.

The Delphi method was developed by the Americans at the beginning of the Cold War. Experts were asked to give their opinion on the probability, frequency, and intensity of possible enemy attacks and other experts would then give feedback anonymously. This process was repeated several times until a consensus emerged.

In this tool, there are only two stages: The qualitative gathering of data from each student based on your categories of choice, and a round of quantitative feedback in which the students rate each other's statements.

Use it e.g. for midterm evaluations, as a tool for student preparation so let you know what they are struggling to comprehend, to get input on what the students learned in class, or other things that bring value to your teaching practice.

Find instructions for the use of the Delphi Evaluation here.

Happy Blackboarding and have a nice weekend.

Kind regards, ST Learning Lab