

Learning without thinking is labor lost; thinking without learning is dangerous. Chinese proverb.

The Shifting Foundations of the Educational Landscape

An excerpt from

The Lifetime Learner

A journey through the future of postsecondary education

by John Hagel III, John Seely Brown, Roy Mathew, Maggie Wooll & Wendy Tsu

In the book A More Beautiful Question, Warren Berger suggests that the true focus of education should be on encouraging students to question and explore rather than on delivering a canon of knowledge to students. This stands in stark contrast to the current pressure on traditional educational institutions to provide job-driven curricula to better meet the needs of the economy. With skyrocketing costs, a growing student-debt crisis, and the perception of a widening gap between institutional curricula and employer needs, more attention is being focused on the value provided by different types of traditional educational institutions, specifically four-year universities, two-year community colleges, and trade or vocational schools. Yet, as undersecretary of education Ted Mitchell explains, the value of education can be thought of in several ways: "There is economic value for the individual, economic value for society, but there is also civic value for society and having good, engaged citizens."

<http://dupress.com/articles/future-of-online-learning/>

John Seely Brown, John Hagel and their team at Deloitte see the 21st Century learning needs as falling into two distinct categories: 1) accelerated, on demand learning for job placement and 2) life-long learning to prepare for the ever-evolving world around us. While tons of large-scale data are being pushed out on completion and the increased cost of education, not much is being disseminated about the ever increasing gaps in individual learning needs. Education in the 21st century pits new niche start-ups against the legacy players--brick and mortar institutions at the edge of the educational world.

Program of the Month

Kudos to the Real Estate Program for being the Highlight Program of the Month.



Congratulations to the Lee Steidel and the Real Estate Program for being the Highlight Program of the Month. Lee is an adjunct instructor who took on the task of SLO Coordinator. After some initial frustration (we've all been there), Lee tackled Taskstream and moved the Real Estate program forward in both their assessment and reporting

processes. Thanks for your dedication and perseverance, Lee.

Upcoming Events 2015-2016

Flex Week Workshops

COA will be hosting flex week workshops on outcomes and assessment practices. Please check the Flex schedule for days and times.

The Think-In

A series of conversations regarding the future of Outcomes Assessment on our campus. Come, and be part of the discussion.

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| September 1, 2015 | 2:30-3:30 PM | A-109 |
| October 6, 2015 | 2:30-3:30 PM | A-109 |
| November 3, 2015 | 2:30-3:30 PM | A-109 |

The Buzz

COA--the Committee on Outcomes and Assessment is almost official! Look for COA to replace LATF in 2015-16. The Committee will oversee and coordinate SLO and AUO efforts at the campus level. COA, like Program Review, will answer directly to PIE. We are looking for a few more members to fill out the Committee, so be on the look-out for a recruiting announcement.