Peer Review and Discussion – Held at Monthly Instructional Design Meetings

At each ID meeting, we will review one course/design challenge selected by a designated ID.

Selection:
This might be a brand-new course, an upcoming course, or an old course that hasn’t been seen in a while. You might suggest an experiment you are proud of and would like to explore further, or perhaps a specific element in the course that is giving you design challenge fits. For an upcoming course challenge, you may take a work-in-progress approach.

Responsibilities:

- **As the reviewee**, you are expected to track the ID meeting for your month, and send out a course ID and review challenge one week before the ID meeting. You should ensure that disted is enrolled in the course so that other IDs will not have to be personally enrolled.

- **As the reviewer**, you are expected to devote review time (approximately 20 minutes) to the course/challenge, and bring review notes to the next ID meeting for discussion. The discussion will be 15-20 minutes during the ID meeting.

Tips for the reviewee:

- When presenting your challenge, keep in mind the constraints of review time and discussion time. Consider what feedback will be most effective to receive in this time frame.

- In the review discussion, you will likely get more diverse feedback if you allow reviewers to discuss your challenge before responding.

Review schedule:

Feb-
March-
April-
May-
June-
July-
Aug-
Sept-
Oct-
Nov-
Dec- Recap (optional: share results of your course/experiment)
Optional: guiding questions for peer course review
While the reviewee should identify an area of focus, here are some guiding questions that may help reviewers organize their feedback (very roughly based on the Feldman Method: Varieties of Visual Experience, 1972).

1. What do you notice?
2. What elements/methods have been used to achieve a design goal?
3. How might students interpret or interact with parts of this course/section?
4. What do you find successful? Are any goals unclear?
5. What simple suggestions might you offer the designer?