

Within Our Sights: Toward National Leadership in Higher Education | October 18, 2013 Enabling Disruptive Technologies to Further Vision Project Goals

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Campus Project

Moving the Needle on Mobile: The BCC Mobile Initiative

The BCC Center for Teaching and Learning led a series of mobile workshops in Spring 2013. With joint funding from the Vision Project and the Massachusetts Community College Workforce Development Transformation Agenda (MCCWDTA) grants, 38 faculty and staff participated. The workshop leaders, Dori Digenti and Nicole Mooney, were charged with training a group with a broad range of technical skills. Topics covered included: iPad features, Learning modules, Apps, Open Educational Resources, Accessibility, and Cloud Computing. Lessons learned and challenges of the project included planning for setup; keeping the cohort together; working across different tech levels; introducing participants to the mobile world and its assumptions; surmounting administrative hurdles; and building on the momentum.

Vision Project Outcome Areas

- ✓ College Participation
- ✓ Student Learning
- ✓ Workforce Alignment

Research and Data

Project Duration: Spring semester 2013 - Ongoing

- 38 faculty/staff participants
- Six hours of workshops required on three days; two cohorts included contextualized modules
- Participants gained the most knowledge in the areas of OER and Creative Commons (68.2% pre/post)
- Participants report adoption obstacles: cost of tablets (58.3%), Faculty mobile skill (19.4%), Prep time (16.7%)
- Faculty report range of mobile use policies in the classroom
- 92% of participants want further training