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IITG Project Title (truncated) 2015-Buffalo State College-Burnett- MOOC Creativity Phase 2

1) Please consider the original timeline and deliverable targets. How is your project progressing compared with the original estimates?

We are right on target with our original timeline. In October, we moved our in session MOOC to the on demand platform. Since the opening, we have had over 10,000 participants register for the MOOC from around the world.

We are currently planning to use the MOOC to teach an undergraduate course in the spring and the development is in progress.

2) How is spending progressing when compared with the original budget estimates? (You may also choose to detail issues regarding access to funds in the next three questions).

We have spent the necessary funds to move the project forward. The two course reductions and an instructional designer has allowed us the time and space to move the course to on demand.

3) Please provide feedback regarding your experience with the project execution, in particular any issues or roadblocks you've encountered that may have been unexpected.

Online development always takes longer than planned. We had hoped to move the MOOC to on demand in early October, but it took an additional three weeks. Additionally, technology is frequently changing, as is the Coursera platform. Our instructional designer found some challenges with moving things over, as they were being changed as the move was happening. Fortunately, given her flexibility, she managed to solve the problem without too much time taken away.

4) What are your positive observations or pleasant surprises about your team's interaction or project process that might would be helpful to other PI's?

Our team worked best when we had a map of what needed to be done, and who was going doing it. We used trello to map the whole project. We added documents, photos, and checklists. With a click of the button, we could all see how the project was moving forward without the frequent emails.

5) Please describe any challenges you've encountered working with your project team that you've found solutions for that might be helpful to other PI's.

Our team has been working together for over a year, even before the IITG grant. Understanding your own role, what needs to be done and having a workable timeline has tremendously helped us. Sometimes in these types of projects, the work falls on one person. However, if you are clear with boundaries up front, and what it is you will and will not be doing, then the project will ultimately run more smoothly.