

Sharing Best Practices Webex Session
Design & Media Production / Photography

April 9, 2020 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Participants:

Tom Logan, Chattahoochee
John Patten, Wiregrass Georgia
Sherrie Rowe, Augusta
Melissa Henderson, North Georgia
JaQuinn McAllister, Central Georgia
Jim Loring, North Georgia
Meredith Muse, Chattahoochee
Sabrina Swann, Central Georgia
Tim Mason, Chattahoochee
Ja'Tara Turner, College Unknown
Bridget Willis, Central Georgia
John Grace, Savannah
Tim Mason, Chattahoochee
T O'Brien, College unknown
Karen Shacham, Atlanta
Jason Dixon, Augusta
Marvin Reese, Chattahoochee
Adam Hart, Chattahoochee
Karen Howard, TCSG
Prima Seepaul, TCSG

Karen welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of meeting, which is an open discussion for faculty to share best practices, challenges, and obtain suggestions from peers.

Open Discussion:

Challenges Faculty Are Facing

Jim Loring: Testing is a challenge. His students usually do a written test and then a portfolio review. They're planning to do a verbal call, conduct an oral test, and mix up questions.

John Patten: He has two production classes this term. He records 'how-to' tutorials and then posts them as an unlisted YouTube video. He uses Blender for lighting class. It has virtual lighting models. It is open source and free.

John Grace: What is latest on using Zoom? He has had issues with Collaborate because of connection issues for his students. Most instructors had already been informed that Zoom should not be a first choice due to security issues. Collaborate is recommended as one option.

Computer/Software

Sherry Rowe: A challenge has been keeping all students active in the courses. She has used numerous tactics to contact students, but many are not responding. Also, some students do not have computers.

John Grace: He gave students a project of doing a family memoir using their phones.

JaQuinn McCallister: He had students watching films and creating shot lists/storyboards. They also use phones to complete video projects.

Karen Shacham: Atlanta Tech has been trying to get computers to students and has sent information about hotspots. The college is letting students withdraw without penalty, but are not broadcasting this to all students.

Jim Loring: He asked if anyone is using mobile apps for Photoshop or other programs. John Patten responded that a web based program, photopea.com, is very similar to Photoshop. Other programs suggested by faculty: Affinity Photo (a low cost Photoshop knockoff), Krita (a free open source painting program), and Premiere Rush (video editing software – mobile and desktop). Adobe has a free trial available for 30 days for new students and additional free options for current subscriptions.

Next WebEx Meeting: Thursday, April 30 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.