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"Anyone there?": Fostering a classroom community through professor presence.

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#### Agenda

- ▶ Poll Everywhere: Discuss what Professor Presence means to you
- Describe Professor Presence in an online setting
- Discuss the impact Professor- Student communication has in an online course
- Share different forms of tools and communication with students in an online course
- Conclusion: Kahoot!

# What does Professor Presence mean to you?

- ▶ Poll Everywhere:
  - ► PollEv.com/corafernande310
  - ► Text CORAFERNANDE310 to 37607 once to join

#### Professor Presence in Online Course

- By default, professors no longer teach and interact with students in person when teaching online
- Live lessons are replaced by alternate means of teaching
- ► Forms of communication are changed in order to reach students from all parts of the world.

# Professor Presence in Online Course Continued

- Professors should be prepared to spend more time online as compared to teaching a traditional face-classroom course.
- ► Expectations for conversational tone and participation are set by the professor, and absent professors may lead to absent students in the online classroom.

#### The impact of Communication

- Communicating/Interacting with students strengthens engagement and understanding.
- It motivates student to interact with the professor and others at a deeper level

# The impact of Communication from the Start

- ► An online survey was conducted from a sample of 262 undergraduate students with online class experiences.
- The findings suggest :
  - students' perception toward teacher self-disclosure increased students' feeling of social presence about their teacher.
  - Social presence in turn led to teacher-student relationship satisfaction, which ultimately increased perceived knowledge gain.

#### The Impact of Community

- Students have shown:
  - belonging to a community was important to them.
  - ➤ Shay: "I really wanted to feel a connection. I really wanted to feel like I was part of the school even though I was taking the classes online. I really, really wanted to feel like I was a [university] student and not just somebody sitting in her home somewhere."

#### Our FIU Online Community

# WEKNOW ONLINE

The Different Forms of Communicating with Students

WRITTEN

**AUDIO** 

**VISUAL** 

#### Written

- ► Emails
- Assignment feedback
- Discussion board Interaction

#### Sharing Experiences

#### Professor Caryl Rahn:

"Students have told me that I am one of the few faculty members who posts in the discussions and that they really appreciate it. I do make a point of replying to every single student's introduction. What I find there is that the students who did not post introductions quickly do so after they see my replying to others. I actually thought they did not care, but now I know that I am connecting with some of them through the discussions. I cannot post to every discussion, but I try to get a few done in each course."

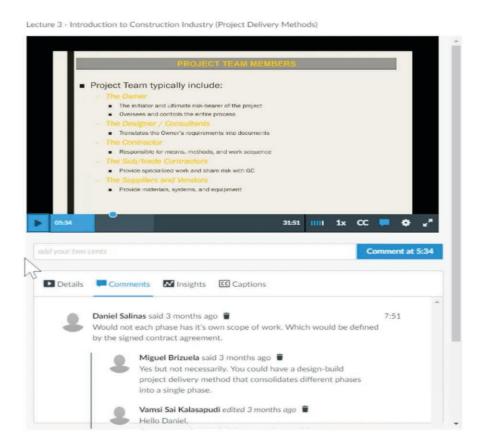
#### Audio

- ▶ Phone Conversation
- Audio recording (Canvas feature)

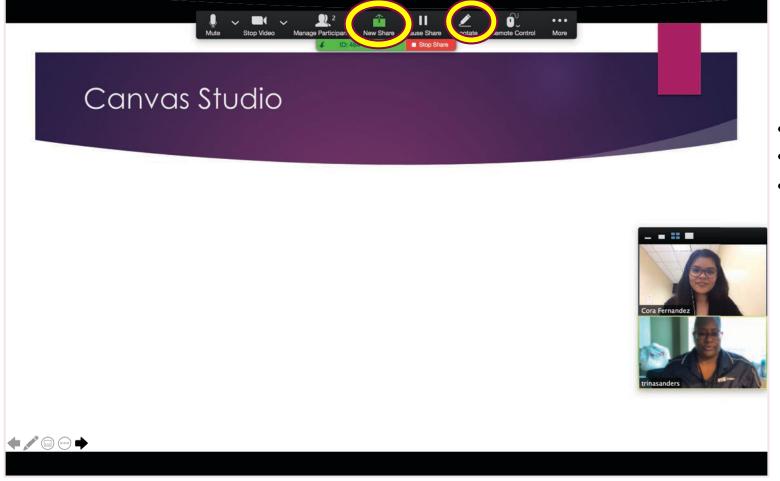
#### Video

- ▶ Welcome Videos
- ▶ Video Lectures
- Canvas Studio\*
- ▶ Zoom Meetings\*
- Screencastify

#### Canvas Studio



#### Zoom



- Share screens
- Create annotations
- Live communication

#### Screencastify

Useful for students and professors



Professor
Presence can
be facilitated
using interactive
tools

One out of five students searched information about their teacher implies that students have a desire to want to know about their teacher.

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#### Conclusion: Let's play Kahoot!

- Join this Survey!
- Go to kahoot.it
- Enter Code



#### Thank you for joining!

#### Resources

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### Questions

## Have a nice day!

#### Links for Interaction Activity

- Poll Everywhere
- Kahoot