Good afternoon, summer faculty!

SO WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT FLIPPING?

You may already be doing the “flip” well. It’s not a new concept.

This short video explains the idea of flipping the classroom in a few minutes. Food for thought.

BILINGUALISM ACROSS THE U.S.

This infographic represents the bilingual “state of the nation.” We probably would guess the most commonly spoken language at home (other than English), but can you guess the second and third most widely spoken?

Korean Vietnamese Italian Yiddish Chinese

FACULTY PAY AROUND THE WORLD

So, if you decided to move to Australia and live out the rest of your career teaching at a university, would you be taking a pay cut or getting a raise? Check out a comparison done in March, 2012 of average salary rankings (and we all know about those pesky averages) around the world. The comments below the article emphasize the point that averages don’t address all factors.

GOOGLE DOCS ARE GOING AWAY!

If you have been in Google Docs lately, you might have noticed the prompts to transition to Google Drive. Drive is replacing Docs. First, Google gives you the option to “upgrade” to Drive manually. But, eventually (this summer), your Docs interface (and all content) will be moved to Drive, whether you protest or not. And, why protest? It seems that Drive will meet all your needs, plus some you didn’t know you had! We are beta-testers once again! Read about it here.

P.S. Go to google.com today to test drive the keyboard recorder! You can adjust the sound and record for playback your own creation. Cute, eh?

MULTIMODAL LEARNING THROUGH MEDIA: WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS

This report (attached), though commissioned by CISCO, contains some great information about learning, memory, and the connections between them. It debunks the myths of how we learn, pointing out sources like the chart below which don’t seem to be substantiated with data.

Until next time!

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Links:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26pxh_qMppE&feature=youtu.be  Flipping the classroom video
http://www.bestcollegesonline.com/bilingualism-across-us  Bilingualism Across the U.S. Infographic
http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2012/03/22/new-study-analyzes-how-faculty-pay-compares-worldwide#ixzz1pr0IyRqT  Average Faculty Pay Around the World
http://techcrunch.com/2012/05/21/as-the-end-of-google-docs-draws-near-google-asks-stragglers-to-transition-to-google-drive/  Google Docs Are Going Away