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Faculty’s understandings of information literacy

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AMICAL Faculty Focus Groups 2015 (AUBG)

Two faculty focus groups about Information Literacy

Discussion focused on
- Information Literacy concepts and definitions
- Information Literacy integration

Each focus group lasted 1h and eight faculty members from different disciplines and different AMICAL institutions participated
Data Analysis

Two ways of looking at data

1. Quantitative way

• **Word count** (wordle.com) - **visualizing** what each faculty member said with regard to information literacy

2. Qualitative way

• Clustering topics and “thick description” (Geertz)
Wordle is a toy for generating “word clouds” from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to your own desktop to use as you wish.

Create your own.

View some examples created by others...

English notebook cover
by Ace Academic!
6 years, 8 months ago

Period G
by Meredith
6 years, 8 months ago

U.S. Constitution
by Jonathan
6 years, 5 months ago

Most Common Crossword Answers
by Jonathan
7 years, 5 months ago
Visualization of what each faculty member said with regard to IL

Faculty 1 – Robert

Faculty 2 - Chris

Faculty 3 - Roberta

Faculty 4 - Isabelle
Visualization of what each faculty member said with regard to IL

Faculty 5 - Angelina

Faculty 6 - Sarah

Faculty 7 - Katherine

Faculty 8 - Alexandra
IL – recurrent ideas

• “Search” – “finding” – “using keywords” – “ability to do a word search” – “understand how to do a keyword search”

• “know how to read” – “understand” – “analyze” – “dissect” – “evaluate”

• “incorporate” – “respond to” - “use”– “be productive” – “create knowledge” – “something new”
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Large understanding of information literacy

Narrow understanding of information literacy

ACRL skill understanding

Faculty has less of a theory in mind about what information literacy is but teaches information literacy in class
IL – some more discussion topics

• Information Literacy – micro and macro level

• Information Literacy in different disciplines

• Information Literacy & research skills, efforts, methods
Thank you

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