



Supporting Faculty During The Shift To Online Course Delivery During COVID 19

KAUST - King Abdullah University of Science & Technology

Graduate Research University on the Red Sea North of Jeddah that opened in 2009

Over 15 academic programs and 12 Research centers

Around 1200 Graduate students and 165 Faculty members



COVID-19

How did Faculty Affairs at KAUST deal with the global pandemic?



What Did We Want To Know

What Worked Well



Challenges Faced



How Can We Help



Faculty Survey on Remote Teaching in Spring 2020

1. Which of the following have been a challenge for you since the transition to remote teaching? Multiple Choice
2. What type of professional development/kind of assistance do you think you need to teach effectively in an online format: Multiple Choice
3. What has worked well so far with your remote teaching experience?
4. What concerns do you have as we wrap up the semester? What are the advices you would give to colleagues who will teach online the next semester?
5. Compared to physical, in-class teaching how would you describe the impact of remote teaching on students' understanding and learning?
6. Do you think recording your course will help? (yes/No)
7. After this experience of remote, online teaching do you think that you would be ready for “blended courses”, including both physical, in-class teaching and remote teaching? (Likert Scale)
8. KAUST contemplates offering some specific online degrees. Would you be supportive to participate in such online degrees? (Yes/NO)

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- ▶ IT Integration
- ▶ Text Analytics
- ▶ Powerful Reporting
- ▶ Flexibility

How Did We Help

On the basis of feedback and recommendations from faculty through the survey, we worked with pedagogical experts in online course design and curriculum and offered a series of workshops with the following goals:

- Prepare for instruction in the fall
- Faculty will develop pedagogical skills and utilize technology tools necessary to meet evolving teaching and learning needs.
- Appreciation for scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL)

Workshops were/will be delivered via Zoom

Looking Ahead:

1. Continue to Assisting Faculty in polishing their digital skills during the coming months and offer crash courses in LMS (learning Management Systems) as needed.
3. Build on aspects of online training that faculty did like in the Spring/Summer term.