eLearning & Distance Education

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The Open Classroom
What is our purpose?
What is our business?

What do we sell?
What do students want from us?
System of inherent tension
Way back...less tension....
Education for the people...a history

London University - “External Program”
Chartered by Q.V. 1858 first distance learning program
Endorsed by Dickens as the “People’s University”
Secular & open to women
WWII - 11,000 exams
Still over 50K enrolled
7 Nobel Laureates
Inc. Nelson Mandela
First Proctors
They created a model that was more “open”
By “open” we mean to reduce barriers:

- Geographic
- Temporal
- Financial
- Others?

Barriers to what:

- Content
- Interaction
- Intellectual Property
- Process
- Others?
Geographic
Temporal
Financial

Student Debt
Inflation Comparison: Percent Growth

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index
Note: January 1978 is the earliest CPI data for College Tuition & Fees.
Intellectual Property

KEEP IT SECRET, KEEP IT SAFE
Process
Interaction
Some different examples...
Issues...
- Privacy & FERPA
- Copyright
- What’s appropriate?
- How Open? (be purposeful!)
Why not open?
"With great power comes great responsibility"
~Voltaire
Thank you.
See for yourself...Google:

“open (your subject area) course”
“open education resources”

What can you use?
What can you share?
Links:

http://idesign.uaf.edu/courses/opencourses/
http://h1rm120.community.uaf.edu/
https://ed653spring2015.community.uaf.edu/forums/
http://www.openculture.com/freeonlinecourses
http://oedb.org/

MOOCS

http://www.khanacademy.org/
https://www.edx.org/
https://www.coursera.org/
https://www.udacity.com/