

# Growing Faculty Technology Expertise through Team Teaching

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*“How Professor  
Mentoring/Team Teaching  
Developed Faculty Skill  
Set”*

# Introduction

- ▶ Nationally Ranked On-Line MBA Program
- ▶ Challenge Presented
  - ▶ Modern Marketing
    - ▶ Google Online Marketing Challenge
  - ▶ High Student Demand
    - ▶ Double anticipated at 100+ students
  - ▶ Ensure Quality and Interaction of Program



# Overview of Innovation

- ▶ How Do You Develop Technology Expertise?
- ▶ Existing Faculty
  - ▶ Significant industry digital marketing experience
  - ▶ Developed course curriculum over several years
- ▶ New Adjunct Faculty
  - ▶ New professor, significant industry experience
  - ▶ Nominal digital marketing classroom experience
  - ▶ Peripheral industry digital marketing experience
  - ▶ No GOMC experience

# Critical Components

- ▶ Existing Faculty
  - ▶ Willingness to open material to adjunct
- ▶ New Adjunct Faculty
  - ▶ Willingness to put in extra time
    - ▶ Take the class with the students
    - ▶ Teach the Class
- ▶ Both Professors
  - ▶ Open to suggestions and feedback
  - ▶ “Check Ego at the Door”

# Results and Outcomes

- ▶ Survey Results (n=80)
  - ▶ 64% - agreed/strongly agreed team-teaching approach met students needs
  - ▶ 45% - agreed/strongly agreed two professors provided twice the value of learning
  - ▶ 64% - agreed/strongly agreed that students would take another team taught course



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- ▶ Course Evaluations
  - ▶ Increased to 4.77 out of 5.0
  - ▶ Previous Semester (one professor) of 4.68
    - ▶ 34 students
- ▶ Team Projects/Community Clients Supported - 19

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- ▶ Google Online Marketing Challenge Class Results
  - ▶ Class Teams Performed in the Top 30% Globally
  - ▶ 25% Ranked “Strong”
  - ▶ 56% Ranked “Good”



# Final Outcome

## *“Beyond the Textbook”*

*As a result of the innovative development of faculty expertise, more students are now supported in real-life learning experiences in a safe university setting.*

**Thank You!**

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# Supplemental Information - Morris 2016

- ▶ Have you ever taken a course with two instructors before? Y/N
- ▶ What does team teaching do to your interest in the course?
  - ▶ Increase interest in the course
  - ▶ Decreases interest in the course
  - ▶ No change in interest
- ▶ What characteristics of a student are needed for a successful team-teaching environment? Select top 3
  - ▶ Independent
  - ▶ Critical Skills
  - ▶ Creative
  - ▶ Active Participation
  - ▶ Good Communicator
  - ▶ Interpersonal Skills
  - ▶ Respectful

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- ▶ What characteristics of a professor are needed for a successful team-teaching environment? Select top 3
  - ▶ Collaborative
  - ▶ Good Communicator
  - ▶ Committed
  - ▶ Adaptable
  - ▶ Open-minded
  - ▶ Organized
  - ▶ Respectful
  - ▶ Trusting
  - ▶ Manages his/her own ego
- ▶ In Team Teaching arrangements, which do you think is more important?
  - ▶ Teaching styles of each professor should be the same
  - ▶ Teaching styles of each professor should be different
  - ▶ Teaching styles of each professor don't matter

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- ▶ Have there been times when the two professors contradicted one another?  
Y/N
- ▶ Using a 5-point scale (Strongly disagree to strongly agree)
- ▶ Having two professors teach a single course is unusual
- ▶ The team-teaching approach serves student's needs
- ▶ Two professors in the same classroom for each session provides twice the value of the learning experience
- ▶ I would take another team-taught course
- ▶ Open Ended Questions:
- ▶ What are the advantages of having two professors for a single course?
- ▶ What are the disadvantages of having two professors for a single course?