

**Faculty Use and Perceived Effectiveness of Web 2.0 Tools for Teaching and Learning at Kansas Independent College Association Member Institutions**

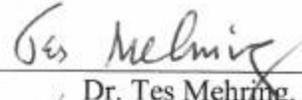
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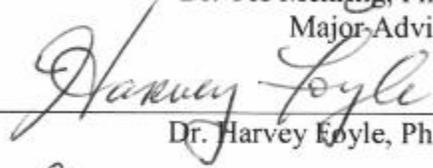
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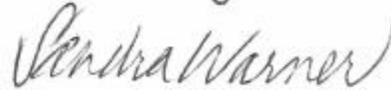
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## **Abstract**

Web 2.0 tools are becoming a significant element in our lives and the impact on higher education institutions is great. An institution's ability to meet student expectations related to the use of technology grows each year. The purpose of this study was to examine faculty use and perceived effectiveness of Web 2.0 tools for teaching and student learning. Faculty at the 19 Kansas Independent Colleges Association (KICA) institutions completed a survey instrument providing ratings of use and perceived effectiveness of four Web 2.0 tools. A quantitative descriptive survey research design was chosen for the current research study. Dependent variables included faculty members' ratings of amount of use of four types of Web 2.0 tools (text-based, image-based, audio, and video) and their perceptions of these tools as effective teaching and learning tools on a survey designed for the study. The independent variables included in the research study were the faculty member's age, years of teaching experience, primary teaching discipline, and employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). Forty research questions and 40 hypotheses guided the study. One sample *t* tests, and one-factor ANOVAs were used to test the hypotheses.

The results of the study indicated that faculty almost never or never use the four types of Web 2.0 tools. In contrast, the results of the study showed that faculty agree the tools are effective teaching and student learning tools. Results of the data analysis indicated significant findings based upon primary teaching discipline and faculty employment status. Education faculty use text-based tools more frequently than Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, or Physical Sciences faculty. Business faculty use text-

based tools more frequently than Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences faculty. Education faculty use image-based tools more frequently than Arts & Humanities faculty. Other Professions faculty use image based tools more frequently than faculty from Other Disciplines. Education, Arts & Humanities, and Business faculty use audio tools more frequently than Physical Sciences faculty. Education, Social Sciences, and Business faculty use video tools more frequently than Physical Sciences faculty. Adjunct/part-time faculty reported more frequent use of text-based tools than full-time non-tenure track, full-time tenure track, and full-time tenured faculty. Marginally significant results were found for specific variables related to number of years of teaching experience and employment status and faculty ratings of use of Web 2.0 tools.. Faculty with 10-14 years of teaching experience reported using image-based and video tools more frequently than faculty with 20-24 years of teaching experience. More frequent use of image-based tools by full-time non-tenured faculty than full-time tenured faculty was also a marginally significant finding. Age of faculty produced no statistically significant results related to frequency of use of any of the four Web 2.0 tools. Similar findings were noted for years of teaching experience and use of text-based and audio tools. Employment status also had no effect on faculty use of audio or video tools.

Significant findings were reported for number of years of teaching experience, primary teaching discipline, and employment status, and faculty ratings of effectiveness of the four Web 2.0 tools. Faculty members with 25-29 years of experience rated the effectiveness of text-based tools higher than those with 30 or more years of experience. Faculty with 10-14 years of experience rated video tools as more effective than faculty with 15-19 or 20-24 years of experience. Education faculty had a significantly higher

rating for effectiveness of text-based tools than Biological Sciences or Physical Sciences faculty. Adjunct/part-time faculty rated the effectiveness of text-based tools significantly higher than full-time tenure track and full-time tenured faculty. Ratings of effectiveness of audio tools by Arts & Humanities faculty were marginally higher than ratings of effectiveness by Physical Sciences faculty. No statistically significant findings were observed for ratings of effectiveness for any of the Web 2.0 tools based upon age of faculty members. Years of teaching experience did not impact ratings of effectiveness for image-based or audio tools. Primary teaching discipline had no impact on faculty ratings of effectiveness of image-based or video tools. No statistically significant results were noted for faculty employment status and ratings of effectiveness of image-based, audio, or video Web 2.0 tools.

The findings of this study may be used by higher education academic and technology leaders to better understand faculty use and perceived effectiveness of four Web 2.0 technology tools. The results could also be valuable to state legislators as they consider the impact of the digital divide in higher education. Finally, donors interested in funding technology innovation related to instruction in higher education classrooms may be interested in the challenges related to faculty adoption and use of technology.

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## Chapter 1

### Introduction

Web 2.0 tools are now becoming a ubiquitous part of people's everyday lives at home, work, and school. The question higher education institutions must address is whether the student experience in university classrooms matches the student's digital lifestyle.

Today's learners are increasingly accustomed to living in a digital, globalized, pluralistic world that is oriented around a vast array of information technologies, the Web, and mobile communications. It is therefore important for higher education institutions to learn to adapt to this postindustrial world in ways that meet the needs and realities of today's learners. (Blessinger & Wankel, 2012, p. 4)

Corey noted in 2012 that the gap between faculty use of technology in the classroom and the student's expected experience is often due to the difference between faculty coming from an 'analog age' and students who are from the 'digital age'.

Some universities have developed strategies to encourage the use of Web 2.0 tools, but they have been developed by personnel in the technology department and not by faculty from academic areas within the higher education institution (Long, 2017). In order for the tools to become integrated into the classroom, whether on-ground or online, the faculty must see the value of the tool and the tool must be easy and convenient to use. Faculty involvement in the planning, training, and implementation phases may significantly improve the success of any academic technology plan (Hall, 2013). Brack, Samarawickrema, and Benson (2005) defined effective teaching with technology as

understanding of the learning and teaching principles, application of those principles with technologies available, and then the faculty themselves building the skills needed to use those technologies. Wankel and Blessinger (2012) continued the focus by making it clear that technology should be used in the classroom with a purpose or objective in mind, not simply to use the technology. With those considerations in mind, this research study evaluated how faculty perceived the effectiveness of Web 2.0 tools in supporting teaching and learning in face-to-face classroom settings.

### **Background**

In 1944 the first computer was used to create flight simulation for training of pilots at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (Everett, 1980). In 1965, the first handheld calculator was invented by Texas Instruments (Hamrick, 1996). In 1977 the first personal computers were introduced in P-12 schools (Anderson, 1984). Fabry and Higgs (1997) noted that by 1981 18% of U.S. public schools had one or more computers for instruction and just 10 years later there was one computer per every 18 students in P-12 schools (p. 387). In 1997 the technology trend exploded into higher education as 78% of public four-year higher education institutions offered distance learning programs (Reiser, 2001). By 2007, nearly 1 in 5 college students enrolled in at least one online course (Allen & Seaman, 2008, p. 3).

The concept of Web 2.0 was originally shared as a definition of how web pages transitioned from being static and one-dimensional to being interactive and collaborative (Constantinides & Fountain, 2008). In 2006, Alexander noted that the change that moved the environment to Web 2.0 was not as important as what could now be done with this improved technology. Grosseck (2009) noted how Web 2.0 was just one of many

advancements related to the internet and that the evolution of these web enabled classroom tools has far outpaced the integration of the tools into teaching in higher education classrooms. Ellis (2009) made that same point by noting that the traditional lecture environment was transforming beyond the walls of the classroom and more learning and sharing of knowledge was happening online. In 2009, Kim, Yue, Hall, and Gates attempted to define and give examples of the then quickly expanding concept of Web 2.0. In their study they gave examples of Web 2.0 applications from the areas of business, education, and social life. The Kim et al. (2009) definition of Web 2.0 applications focused on the ideas of the real time participatory and social nature of the technologies and how this interactivity brings the usage of computers, the internet, and mobile devices into play in all areas of our lives. In 2010, Bower, Hedberg, and Kuswara discussed a framework that leveraged current pedagogies and taxonomies with the emerging technologies surrounding the Web 2.0 movement in the academic realm. The framework highlighted how technology was simply a tool that helped bring pedagogy and the content together to create better learning outcomes for students.

Like many new ideas, if the idea does not create significant value, it is difficult to find the investment of time and money. Educational technology blends both accessibility to information and interactivity with that information along with the ability to track the effectiveness of that interactivity. With that value proposition it is not surprising that investment into educational technologies has grown significantly. Ed Tech (2016) summarized a CB Insights (2015) report that indicated global education technology funding had grown from \$144 million in 2011 to \$1.3 billion in 2015. In 2018, Shulman reported that educational technology investments had reached \$9.5 billion dollars. That

investment has created a plethora of educational technology options available for faculty at all levels of education. Similarly, Bower (2016) published an article listing the over 200 Web 2.0 technologies appropriate for academic purposes. He concluded that “educators typically have a narrow conception of Web 2.0 technologies and there is a wide array of Web 2.0 tools and approaches yet to be fully harnessed by learning designers and educational researchers” (p. 763). The marketplace has an ever-growing toolkit of products for educators to use but the investment in the tools by educational technology companies does not take into account the level of faculty understanding and eagerness to take advantage of those value propositions technology has to offer. Shulman (2018) quoted an elementary school teacher, Jane Huger-Johnson, who “believes education technology is a vital resource, and can no longer be an option in schools” (para. 15). This teacher’s sentiment is not common but is a growing attitude among educators at all levels (Wingo, Ivankova, & Moss, 2017).

### **Statement of the Problem**

The problem with the implementation of Web 2.0 tools at the same rate as the development of the tools seems unresolved over three decades (Baran, 2016; Coley, Cradler, & Engel, 1997; Khan, Omrane, & Rodriguez, 2017; Sandholtz, 2001; Silverstein, Frechtling, & Miyaoka 2000; U.S. Congress, 1995). These researchers noted in varying degrees that faculty perceptions of the effectiveness of these tools in teaching and learning is a key concern. Butler and Sellbom (2002) wrote about several barriers related to the implementation of instructional technologies and concluded that “to successfully implement new technologies in teaching and learning, institutions must address these barriers to faculty adoption” (p. 28). As faculty experience and are exposed

to technology tools by peers and students, instructors must focus their training on opportunities that provide for better learning environments that they control. It is a combination of the faculty member, the technology team, the demand from the students, and the university's strategic goals that will create an opportunity for greater success with the use of Web 2.0 tools.

With mounting expectations from digital era students and the value proposition as seen in the investment by technology companies, research is needed to find the reasons these technologies have not been implemented by higher education faculty. In order to have a better understanding of faculty willingness to learn and implement technologies in the classroom, there is a need to better understand faculty usage of Web 2.0 technologies. Beyond usage it is also important to determine the perceptions of faculty about the effectiveness of Web 2.0 technologies as teaching tools. The relationships between faculty perceptions of the technology, age of faculty members, number of years teaching in higher education, teaching discipline, faculty rank, and employment status may provide pertinent information related to the use of technologies applied to instruction in higher education settings.

### **Purpose of the Study**

The first purpose of the current study was to determine faculty usage of text-based, image-based, audio, and video technology applications as teaching tools. A second purpose of the study was to investigate faculty perceptions about the effectiveness of these technologies as teaching tools. A third purpose was to examine if there were relationships between faculty demographics (age, years of teaching experience in higher education, teaching discipline, and employment status) and faculty usage of Web 2.0

technologies. A final purpose was to examine if there were relationships between faculty demographics (age, years of teaching experience in higher education, teaching discipline, and employment status) and perceived effectiveness of Web 2.0 technologies.

### **Significance of the Study**

The results of this study may be of interest to university academic leaders and faculty as they consider how faculty demographics impact the implementation of classroom technologies. Higher education technology professionals could use the results from this study to better understand how training and change management efforts impact classroom technology implementation. The results could also be valuable to state legislators as they consider the impact of the digital divide in higher education. Finally, donors interested in funding technology innovation related to instruction in higher education classrooms may be interested in the challenges related to faculty adoption and use of technology.

### **Delimitations**

Lunenburg and Irby (2008) defined delimitations as “factors that may have an effect on the interpretation of the findings or on the generalization of the results” (p. 133). This study was completed by surveying full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time faculty at 19 private 4-year colleges and universities in the state of Kansas. Collecting the data from one state or region may influence the generalization of findings to faculty at universities in other states or regions. The researcher did not take into account the current level of knowledge or training in the use of Web 2.0 technologies.

## Assumptions

“Assumptions are postulates, premises, and propositions that are accepted as operational for purposes of the research” (Lunenburg & Irby, 2008, p. 135). This study included the following assumptions:

- Faculty in the study had experience teaching in higher education classrooms.
- Faculty who completed the survey were aware of Web 2.0 classroom technologies.
- Faculty understood survey questions and provided honest responses.
- All data used for this study were accurately collected and recorded into a database.

## Research Questions

The following research questions guided this study:

**RQ1.** To what extent do faculty use text-based tools?

**RQ2.** To what extent do faculty use image-based tools?

**RQ3.** To what extent do faculty use audio tools?

**RQ4.** To what extent do faculty use video tools?

**RQ5.** To what extent do faculty rate text-based tools as effective?

**RQ6.** To what extent do faculty rate image-based tools as effective?

**RQ7.** To what extent do faculty rate audio tools as effective?

**RQ8.** To what extent do faculty rate video tools as effective?

**RQ9.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools

based on age (*25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 and older*)?

**RQ10.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on age (25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**RQ11.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on age (25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**RQ12.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on age (25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**RQ13.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**RQ14.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**RQ15.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**RQ16.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**RQ17.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**RQ18.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**RQ19.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on the primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other disciplines)?

**RQ20.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on the primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**RQ21.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**RQ22.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**RQ23.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**RQ24.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools

based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**RQ25.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on age?

**RQ26.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on age?

**RQ27.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on age?

**RQ28.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on age?

**RQ29.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**RQ30.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**RQ31.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**RQ32.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**RQ33.** To what extent is there a difference in how effectiveness of text based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**RQ34.** To what extent is there a difference in how effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the primary discipline?

**RQ35.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of

audio tools is rated based on the primary discipline?

**RQ36.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the primary discipline?

**RQ37.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on employment status?

**RQ38.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on employment status?

**RQ39.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on employment status?

**RQ40.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on employment status?

### **Definition of Terms**

Several terms used with this study may have different definitions in other contexts. Definition of terms as utilized in this study is provided for clarity.

**Employment status:** After the faculty lists from the universities being surveyed were reviewed, these common differentiations in faculty employment status were identified for the current study: full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time.

**Discipline categories.** Academic discipline categories used in this study replicated those used in the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement administered by Indiana University (Indiana University, 2018.). The Indiana University study included the following discipline categories: Arts & Humanities (Art, English, History, Journalism, Language, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Speech, Theater, Theology ),

Biological Sciences (Biology, Biochemistry, Botany, Environmental Science, Life Science), Business (Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, International Business, Marketing, Management), Education (Business Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Music Education, Physical Education, Special Education), Engineering (Aeronautical, Civil, Chemical, Electrical, Industrial, Materials, Mechanical), Physical Sciences (Astronomy, Atmospheric, Chemistry, Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics), Other Professions (Architecture, Urban Planning, Health Technology, Law, Library Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinarian, Nursing, Pharmacy, Allied Health, Therapy), Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Ethic Studies, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Gender Studies), Other Disciplines (Agriculture, Communications, Computer Science, Family Studies, Conservation, Kinesiology, Criminal Justice, Military Science, Sports Management, Public Administration, Technical/Vocational).

**Kansas Independent Colleges Association (KICA).** Membership in this organization includes 19 private universities in the State of Kansas: Baker University, Benedictine College, Bethany College, Bethel College, Central Christian College of Kansas, Cleveland University- Kansas City, Donnelly College, Friends University, Hesston College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Manhattan Christian College, McPherson College, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Newman University, Ottawa University, Southwestern College, Sterling College, Tabor College, and University of Saint Mary (Lindsey, 2018).

**Web 2.0 tools.** In an effort to narrow the multiplicity of Web 2.0 tools to a manageable number for the purpose of this study, the researcher relied on research

published by Bower (2016). Bower distilled over 200 examples of Web 2.0 tools appropriate for use in academic settings into 14 categories. The current study focused on the first four of those categories.

-*Text-based tools*: Synchronous text discussion, discussion forums, note-taking and document creation

- *Image-based tools*: Image sharing, image creation and editing, drawing, online white boarding, diagramming, mind mapping, word clouds

-*Audio tools*: Audio sharing, audio creation and editing

- *Video tools*: Video sharing, video creation and editing, video streaming

### **Organization of the Study**

This research study is organized in five chapters. Chapter 1 included the background, statement of the problem, purpose of the study, significance of the study, delimitations, assumptions, research questions, and definitions of terms. Chapter 2 examines a review of literature related to technology tools in the academic setting, challenges with integration and implementation of technology in the classroom, and the current growth and state of the educational technology industry. Chapter 3 presents the research design for this study, selection of participants, measurement, data collection procedures, data analysis and hypotheses testing, and limitations. Chapter 4 includes the results of the hypothesis testing. Chapter 5 presents a study summary, findings related to literature, and conclusions.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Review of Literature**

This chapter is organized into three sections and presents a review of the literature relevant to educational technology in education. The first section provides an overview of the advances technology has made and how the changes have impacted the education industry. The second section reviews the current challenges that organizations face with the implementation of educational technologies. The third section discusses the growth and current status of the educational technology industry.

#### **Overview of Technology Advances in Education**

When the first teachers moved from sharing knowledge via speeches and oratory to writing the information down, this began a series of changes in how teaching and learning occurred in classrooms across the ages. One of the first known changes was the introduction of an item called a ‘hornbook’ sometime in the 1400’s. A hornbook was a small wooden paddle with lessons attached and then passed around the room for students to see, read, memorize and then perform lessons from each day (Plimpton, 1916). In 1870 came the ‘magic lantern’ that projected images from glass plates onto walls in dark classrooms. These devices were made functional by using oil lamps or candles (Akanegbu, 2013). In 1870, before the turn of the century, came the introduction of the ‘school slate’ which allowed sharing of lessons (Dunn, 2011). Students could provide responses or practice the lesson and teachers could grade responses. At the same time the small school slate was replicated in a much larger sense and chalkboards were hung up in almost every classroom giving teachers yet another tool to change how they shared information. Just a decade later the pencil was introduced and replaced the school slate.

Looking at these antiquated tools it may seem a stretch to call them technological advancements in education but each of these presented the teaching professionals at the time both an opportunity and challenge in how to utilize these tools to improve the education process for the students.

Cuban (1986) provided a Thomas Edison quotation to illustrate another technology that impacted student learning:

I believe that the motion picture is destined to revolutionize our educational system and that in a few years it will supplant largely, if not entirely, the use of textbooks. I should say that on the average we get about two percent efficiency out of school books as they are written today. The education of the future, as I see it, will be conducted through the medium of the motion picture...where it should be possible to obtain one hundred percent efficiency. (p. 1)

Cuban noted that Edison's statement was indicative of how technological advances were seen as opportunities for improvements in teaching and learning. These changes have not always been viewed as positive nor have they been fully embraced by the academic communities involved. Edison was referring to motion pictures that then led to the film projector and radios being adopted for instructional purposes in classrooms starting in 1925, the overhead projector in 1930, the ballpoint pen in 1940, the mimeograph machine in 1940, headphones in 1950, and videotapes in 1951 (Dunn, 2011). In 1957 the Skinner Teaching Machine came along to help students study at their own pace (Dunn, 2011). In the October 1958 edition of *Science*, Skinner stated, "If our current knowledge of the acquisition and maintenance of verbal behavior is to be applied to education, some sort of teaching machine is needed" (p. 969). Innovation comes out of the necessity or curiosity

to do things better. The introduction of these technologies continued to happen at an exponential pace. The 1970's brought forward the handheld calculator and the Scantron machine (Dunn, 2011). In 1980, the first computers were introduced in public schools (Dunn 2011). In 1984 there was one computer per 92 students (Cuban, 1986). Singer (2017) stated that by 2017, K-12 and higher education were rolling out one-to-one programs that equipped every student with a laptop or tablet. As each of these technological advances occurred, they continued to put pressure on the academy to find appropriate applications in teaching and learning.

By 2018, classrooms had not changed much on college campuses even as technology raced forward. Chalkboards have been replaced with whiteboards, and film projectors and overhead projectors have been replaced with high-end monitors or projection devices connected to laptops or tablets (Dunn, 2011). Haran (2015) noted that students have moved from paper and pencil note taking to recording classroom sessions on their phone or tablet. Some schools provide lecture capture so students can re-watch or catch up on class sessions at a later time (Hall & Ivaldi, 2017). Conversations about modality of teaching are as common as the development of the lessons themselves. Faculty not only have to assure an effective learning pedagogy is in place but also have to create multiple modifications to accommodate the growing number of ways learners are engaging in learning on college campuses (Sankey & Hunt, 2017). Online, blended, active learning, and project-based learning are examples of the teaching models used on today's college campuses. The list of teaching models in the current educational landscape is driven more and more around the technology that is changing expectations of effectiveness and efficiency (Keengwe & Kidd, 2010). As the cost of education

continues to increase at all levels, political and societal pressures continue to build to deliver quality at lower and lower costs, in shorter time frames, and with direct connections between curriculum and job skills (Morris, 2018; Ripley, 2018). The pace of the change in technology has far outpaced faculty appreciation for and ability to use these technologies (Becker et al., 2018; Collins & Halverson, 2018).

The challenge since the introduction of the hornbook in the 1400s seems to be a struggle between the academy, teaching innovations, and eventually technology adoption. Cuban (1986) described the historical perspective of how changes in technology have impacted the academic experience,

The search for improving classroom productivity through technological innovations has yielded very modest change in teacher practice without any clear demonstration that instruction is any more effective or productive after the introduction of radio, films, instructional television, or computers. Implicit in this history is that policy makers determined to modify classroom practice need to be well informed. They need to understand clearly that what gives stability to teaching is a classroom universe tightly coupled to organizational settings.

Teacher repertoires, both resilient and efficient, have been shaped by the crucible of experience and the culture of teaching. Policy makers need to understand that altering pedagogy requires a change in what teachers believe. (Epilogue, para. 15)

Cuban highlighted the struggle between academic theories on pedagogy and the desire to insert technology as a tool in the delivery of education. He may not have known then just how much change was about to occur. In 2004, Fahmy concluded,

Technology and technological applications are, indeed, a continuous process that dates way back in our human history. Every time a new technology comes around, a process of change accompanies its implementation. Higher education, like any other sector of society, is affected by technology applications and always races to institute the necessary changes to implement it. (p. 57)

Kim and Bonk (2006) shared that not only was there huge demand from students for the use of online technologies for the delivery of education but there was growing evidence that blended learning (use of face to face and technology) was becoming an important part of the academic landscape. Venkatesh, Croteau, and Rabah (2014) studied effective use of technology in higher education classrooms and stated,

Results from the review of 300 studies measuring the effect of blended learning on students' experience indicate that students tend to respond in an overwhelmingly positive fashion to the integration of ICT (information and communication technology) in higher education classrooms. (p. 112)

A shift in the use of technology happened and change continues to challenge the pedagogy of faculty in all disciplines.

In a 2018 study on blended learning, Dziuban, Graham, Moskal, Norberg and Sicilia discussed how the use of technologies to deliver education is no longer an expectation but rather the new norm by which students now compare all other more traditional demands include content relevance, communication of instructor, etc. Students believe their success in the classroom is inextricably tied to the quality and use of the technology provided.

Change is now the norm. Technology has had a transformational impact on all aspects of teaching and learning. The challenges at each step in this evolution have focused on the impact technology has had on the student and faculty. Whether or not faculty have embraced these changes is directly correlated to the success of technology use in the classroom.

### **Challenges with Integration and Implementation of Technology in the Classroom**

One of the greatest obstacles to implementing new technologies in the classroom is the faculty. This is exemplified in a statement from Lockwood (1996),

A university is founded on its faculty. In isolation, technology allows nothing more than a shallow transfer of facts without the essential context of time, place, and person....and so, I would sound a warning – given the downsizing of American university budgets, we need to direct greater resources into faculty, not gadgetry. (p. 73)

In contrast, Moseley (2010) concluded,

Technology is useful, and frequency of use is related to the degree of usefulness. This study shows a strong perception among faculty and students that technology is used for learning, and that the more frequently technology is used, the more useful it becomes. (p. 121)

Georgina and Hosford (2009) noted, “Technology alone does nothing to enhance pedagogy; successful integration is all about the ways in which technology tools are used and integrated into teaching” (p. 695). Each of the above statements highlights the importance of defining the value of both the art of teaching and the technology itself.

As with any change, the pace of that change is typically incremental rather than a big bang transition. Research has provided evidence for evaluating both pros and cons of technology in classroom settings. Keengwe (2007) investigated the integration of technology to improve learning and drew the conclusion that students were not trained well enough in the technologies they were expecting to use in the classroom. Ten years later that sentiment is still strong among faculty. Pomerantz and Brooks (2017) found faculty only believe that half of students are prepared for use of technology and similarly only half the students found they were prepared for use of these same technologies. Ajjan and Hartshorne (2008) investigated faculty choices in using technology and concluded that if university leaders want to see increased use of technology in the classroom they must “focus their attention, efforts, and investments on improving faculty attitude...more specifically, these efforts should focus on improving the perceived usefulness, ease of use, and compatibility” (p. 79). This finding was supported by Brooks (2015) who stated, “faculty claim that they would adopt technology more if they had evidence of its impact on student learning” (p. 5). Hickson (2017) found in the study of faculty integration of technology that, “technology training may be better served to focus on providing information as to how the technologies might impact the classroom, as opposed to teaching basic use of the technologies” (p. 95). Sawyer (2017) concluded, “It is possible that professional development efforts that consider underlying perceptions may be more effective at implementing programs” (p. 75).

There is often concern that implementation of technology will not come with appropriate investments in facilities, technology, and training. Buchanan, Sainter and Sanders (2013) concluded that if higher education institutions want to see an increased

use of technology in classrooms, administrators must not only train and support faculty but have proper levels of investments in technical infrastructure to support the use of these tools. King (2017) recommended,

Institutions should develop a clear vision and strategic plan for the use of technology to enable learning that encourages participation by instructors, students, technology providers and external stakeholders...Presidents and senior academic and technology decision makers should work together to set a clear vision and goals that views technology as an opportunity to augment learning. (p. 67)

Still these challenges have not stopped the push to implement more and more technological tools in the classroom. Right or wrong, the push by politicians, corporate leaders, administrators, and of course educational technology companies to make more and more investments in these areas has grown exponentially. Daher and Lazarevic (2014) concluded in their study of the use of Web 2.0 tools at a Midwestern community college found that faculty do believe that Web 2.0 tools can create positive learning opportunities in the classroom (p.49). Ringstaff and Kelley (2002) noted,

Debates aside, there is a substantial body of research that suggests that technology can have a positive effect on student achievement under certain circumstances and when used for certain purposes. However, there is no magic formula that educators and policymakers can use to determine if this “return” is actually worth the investment. (p. 24)

Interestingly, research has indicated that students and faculty are quickly catching up with that growth in educational technology applications. More and more courses and

academic programs have transitioned to instruction offered online and/or using a blended or hybrid instructional format (Babson Survey Research Group, 2017). Bakia, Means, and Murphy (2014) noted that the terminology of blended or hybrid learning has now come to be defined as “encompasses all of the middle ground in the spectrum between fully face-to-face and fully online instruction” (p. 7). With that understanding, the research by Pomerantz, Brown, and Brooks (2018) showed the majority of students and faculty prefer to teach and learn in a blended environment. With the growth of blended learning environments, the job of addressing the issues of investment, training, and pedagogical impact continues to be important for higher education academic and administrative leaders.

### **Growth and Current State of Educational Technologies**

Schaffhauser (2018) reported that global investments in educational technologies had grown by 46% since 2015 and would reach over \$9 billion dollars. This number was for private investment in education technology companies and did not include all the dollars spent on investment in the products. This growth in investments in educational technologies is in the U.S. market and almost every industrialized country, with giant leaps in investment from countries like China and India. In 2016, Boston Consulting Group reported, “97% of investments (between 2011 and 2015) were concentrated in five countries” (p. 2). Those countries were the United States with \$10.1 billion dollars, China with \$1.2 billion dollars, India with \$600 million dollars, Canada with \$400 million dollars, and the United Kingdom with \$200 million dollars. The Boston Consulting Group also shared that the largest segment of that market was multimedia content delivery and platforms with 343 companies. This type of investment, whether at

a global scale or locally, has implications related to access to all the infrastructure needed including bandwidth, classroom design, facility planning, and training of not just faculty but a whole plethora of staff to support these new tools. Georgina and Olson (2008) in a study of higher education faculty perceptions on technology stated, “The new goal in higher education now seems to be the creation of a university-wide professoriate in both information literacy and technology literacy” (p. 8). In 2017, King noted,

For any technology solution to have a transformative impact on student learning and success, it must have as its foundation the specific goals, needs, and interests of the students themselves. While technology can be added to existing structures with the goal of making them marginally more efficient and flexible, technology also offers the opportunity to catalyze more significant reforms to educational structures and practices. (p. 9)

## **Summary**

Chapter 2 reviewed relevant literature related to technology in the classroom including advances technology has made and how changes have impacted the education industry. This chapter also summarized current challenges organizations face with the implementation of education technologies, and the growth and current status of the educational technology industry. Chapter 3 includes the research design, selection of participants, measurement, data collection procedures, data analysis and hypothesis testing, and limitations of the current study.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Methods**

This research study focused on the use of Web 2.0 technologies by Kansas private four-year college and university faculty members. This study also investigated faculty members' perceptions about the effectiveness of Web 2.0 tools on teaching and learning. This chapter includes a description of the research design, selection of participants, measurement, data collection procedures, data analysis and hypothesis testing, and limitations.

#### **Research Design**

A quantitative descriptive survey research design was chosen for the current research study. The dependent variables included in the research study were whether the faculty member used the Web 2.0 tools and faculty member perceptions of the Web 2.0 tools as effective teaching and learning tools. The independent variables included in the research study were the faculty member's age, years of teaching experience, primary teaching discipline, and employment status.

#### **Selection of Participants**

The population for this research study was composed of private college and university faculty within the United States. The sample for this research study consisted of 1485 faculty at 19 member institutions within the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA). Sampling was dependent upon the accessibility of the correct contact information for the faculty members. Non-probability purposive sampling was used for the current research study. The researcher specified the criteria used to locate survey participants. The first established criterion for participation in the research study

was having a teaching role at the post-secondary level. The second established criterion for participation in the research study was employment at one of the 19 member schools within the KICA in 2019. The researcher obtained faculty emails by searching the online employee directory from each institution. At the conclusion of the survey, 353 surveys were completed which was 23.7% of the total eligible faculty respondents. Faculty from 18 of the 19 KICA institutions responded to the survey.

### **Measurement**

The survey instrument used for this research study was developed by the researcher. The survey questions included demographic data for the faculty member, a list of Web 2.0 tool categories with examples of each (text-based, image-based, audio, and video tools), questions asking the faculty member the extent to which specific Web 2.0 tools were used, and a rating of the faculty member's perception of the effectiveness of each Web 2.0 tool when used to teach students. The survey instrument is provided in Appendix A.

The survey questions related to demographic data asked each participant to provide the following: age (25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, or 75 and older), years of teaching experience (0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more years), teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, Other Disciplines), and employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time).

The list of Web 2.0 tool categories used in the survey was determined by the researcher by reviewing current literature regarding educational technologies. From that

literature review the researcher utilized 4 of the set of 14 categories outlined in a study by Bower (2015). The four categories used were listed on the survey with examples of Web 2.0 tools that fit into those categories. The first category included text-based tools that allow for synchronous text discussion, discussion forums, note-taking, and document creation. The second category listed image-based tools that allow for image sharing, image creation and editing, drawing, online white boarding, diagramming, mind mapping, and word clouds. The third category included audio tools that allow for audio sharing, audio creation, and editing. The fourth category included video tools that allow for video sharing, video creation, and editing or video streaming.

Survey items 1 through 5 were used to measure the independent variables regarding the demographics of the participants.

- Survey item 1 asked the participants to select the KICA institution where they were currently employed. The list of KICA schools was summarized in Chapter 1.
- Survey item 2 asked the participants to select the appropriate number range that corresponded to their age. The choices were 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, and 75 and older.
- Survey item 3 asked the participants to select the appropriate range that corresponded to the number of years of employment as a faculty member. The choices were 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, and 30 or more years.
- Survey item 4 asked the participants to choose a primary discipline category for teaching. The choices for each participant were Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other

Professions, Social Sciences, and Other Disciplines. Chapter 1 included detailed descriptions of these discipline categories.

- Survey item 5 asked the participants to select employment/faculty status. The response options were full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time.

Survey items 7- 21 were used to measure the dependent variables regarding the faculty use and perceived effectiveness of the Web 2.0 tool categories in teaching and learning. The survey provided examples for each of the four Web 2.0 technology categories and asked two separate questions. First the participants indicated responses on a Likert-type scale by selecting extent of use of the particular technology as a teaching tool in on-ground classes from 1 = *never use*, 2 = *almost never*, 3 = *occasionally/sometimes*, 4 = *almost every time*, or 5 = *frequently use*. Second the participants indicated responses on a Likert-type scale by level of agreement to the question of whether the tool was an effective teaching tool by answering, 1 = *strongly disagree*, 2 = *disagree*, 3 = *neither agree or disagree*, 4 = *agree*, or 5 = *strongly agree*. See Appendix A for the survey instrument used in the current research study.

Validity is the degree to which an instrument measures what it says it will measure (Lunenburg & Irby, 2008). Evidence of content validity is commonly determined by having an expert in the corresponding area judge the format and content of the instrument (Fraenkel, Wallen, & Hyun, 2012). Five experienced higher education Chief Information Officers served as members of an expert panel that evaluated the format and content of the survey used for this research. This group reviewed the survey instrument, and the categories and examples of Web 2.0 technologies. Panelists were

asked to review readability, word choice, and the comprehensiveness and appropriateness of the survey questions. The dissertation major advisor and research analyst also provided suggestions about the survey format and content. Those recommendations were used to modify the survey tool. A more thorough explanation of the purpose of the research study was added at the beginning of the survey. Explanations of each of the categories and examples were made more explicit. Minor formatting changes were made to make the survey more readable. Members of the expert panel found the survey to be valid and appropriate.

A reliability analysis was not needed because a scale was not constructed from the survey items. The researcher used single-item measurement of perceived effectiveness and frequency of use.

Most commonly used single-item measures can be divided into two categories: (a) those measuring self-reported facts... and (b) those measuring psychological constructs, e.g., aspects of personality... measuring the former with single items is common practice. However, using a single-item measure for the latter is considered to be a “fatal error” in research. If the construct being measured is sufficiently narrow or is unambiguous to the respondent, a single item may suffice. (Sackett & Larson, 1990, p. 431)

The individual items used in this research were self-reported ratings that were sufficiently narrow and unambiguous. Therefore, reliability was not an issue that needed to be addressed.

## **Data Collection Procedures**

Prior to data collection, an Institutional Review Board (IRB) request was submitted to Baker University on December 11, 2018. The Baker University IRB committee approved the research study on December 17, 2018 (see Appendix B).

The survey was created and managed through the use of an online survey tool called FormStack, which is a survey service that assists in the development and management of survey data. The survey items were typed into the FormStack tool and the service provided a URL link to be sent out to each participant.

Before conducting research, the researcher obtained a list of faculty email addresses at the 19 KICA schools by reviewing each university/college website directory. The initial and subsequent emails regarding the survey were sent to the institution email for each faculty member. Prior to the email blast to the faculty members, the researcher reached out to the Chief Information Officer (CIO) or Director of Instructional Technology at each of the schools to let them know that an email invitation to participate in the study would be coming to the faculty (Appendix C). The email requested CIOs or Directors to be aware that an email invitation would be forwarded to faculty in the near future and to let faculty know the email was legitimate and not a spam effort. The initial invitation to participate in the study was emailed to KICA faculty on January 30, 2019 (Appendix D). This email provided an overview of the study, informed consent, and invited the recipient to participate by clicking on a link to the online survey instrument. The informed consent information was provided in the email, but participants also checked a box declaring understanding about participation, benefits, risks, and confidentiality related to the study when they accessed the survey. Upon submission of

the survey participants were given a separate link to enter an email address for inclusion in a drawing for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. The gift card was to be an incentive to improve participation in the survey. Three reminder invitations to participate in the study were sent within two weeks after the initial email to those who had not responded to the initial invitation (Appendix E). The reminder emails shared similar information provided in the initial email: a study overview, consent form, link to the survey instrument, and reminder about the drawing. After the final deadline, data were retrieved from the FormStack system for data analysis. Data from the FormStack survey were downloaded and imported into IBM SPSS Statistics 25.0 for Windows.

### **Data Analysis and Hypothesis Testing**

The following section includes the 40 research questions, the associated hypotheses, and the analyses. A hypothesis was specified, and statistical analyses were conducted to address each of the research questions.

**RQ1.** To what extent do faculty use text-based tools?

**H1.** Faculty are using text-based tools.

A one sample *t* test was conducted to test H1. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ2.** To what extent do faculty use image-based tools?

**H2.** Faculty are using image-based tools.

A one sample *t* test was conducted to test H2. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ3.** To what extent do faculty use audio tools?

**H3.** Faculty are using audio tools.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H3. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ4.** To what extent do faculty use video tools?

**H4.** Faculty are using video tools.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H4. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ5.** To what extent do faculty rate text-based tools as effective?

**H5.** Faculty rate text-based tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H5. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ6.** To what extent do faculty rate image-based tools as effective?

**H6.** Faculty rate image-based tools effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H6. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ7.** To what extent do faculty rate audio tools as effective?

**H7.** Faculty rate audio tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H7. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ8.** To what extent do faculty rate video tools as effective?

**H8.** Faculty rate video tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H8. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ9.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 and older)?

**H9.** There is a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on age.

A one-factor Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was conducted to test H9. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ10.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**H10.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H10. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ11.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**H11.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H11. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ12.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**H12.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H12. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ13.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*)?

**H13.** There is a difference in faculty usage of text-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H13. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ14.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*)?

**H14.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H14. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ15.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*)?

**H15.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H15. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ16.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*)?

**H16.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H16. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ17.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on primary teaching discipline (*Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines*)?

**H17.** There is a difference in faculty usage of text-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H17. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was primary discipline. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ18.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H18.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H18. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was primary discipline. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ19.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H19.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H19. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was primary discipline. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ20.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H20.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H20. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was primary discipline. The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ21.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H21.** There is a difference in faculty usage of text-based tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H21. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ22.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty member's use of image-based tools based on the faculty member's employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H22.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H22. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ23.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on the employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H23.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H23. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ24.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on the employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H24.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H24. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ25.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on age?

**H25.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H25. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was faculty age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ26.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on age?

**H26.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H26. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was faculty age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ27.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on age?

**H27.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H27. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was faculty age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ28.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on age?

**H28.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H28. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video tools, was faculty age (*24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older*). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ29.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H29.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H29. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ30.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H30.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H30. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ31.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H31.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H31. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience ((0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ32.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H32:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H32. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ33.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H33.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H33. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ34.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H34:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor (ANOVA) was conducted to test H34. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ35.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H35.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H35. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ36.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H36:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H36. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video based tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering,

Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ37.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on employment status?

**H37.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H37. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure, adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ38.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on employment status?

**H38.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor (ANOVA) was conducted to test H38. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ39.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on employment status?

**H39.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor (ANOVA) was conducted to test H39. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, adjunct/part time). The level of significance was set at .05.

**RQ40.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on employment status?

**H40.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H40. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05.

### **Limitations**

According to Lunenburg and Irby (2008), limitations of a research study are conditions not within the control of the researcher. These limitations could impact the findings of the study and impact the ability to generalize the results. Some faculty members may not have completed the survey due to not understanding the purpose of the study or not knowing the researcher. Some participants may not have felt comfortable taking the survey in digital format and would have preferred a paper survey. Some faculty may have misunderstood a category making the data they provided incorrect and impact the results.

**Summary**

This chapter described the research design, selection of participants, measurement, data collection procedures, data analysis and hypothesis testing, and limitations. Chapter 3 also described the development of the survey tool and the tests performed to determine validity. Chapter 4 includes the results of the hypotheses testing.

## Chapter 4

### Results

The first purpose of the current study was to determine faculty usage of text-based, image-based, audio, and video technology applications as teaching tools. A second purpose of the study was to investigate faculty perceptions about the effectiveness of these technologies as teaching tools. A third purpose was to examine if there were relationships between faculty demographics (age, years of teaching experience in higher education, teaching discipline, and employment status) and faculty usage of Web 2.0 technologies. A final purpose was to examine if there were relationships between faculty demographics (age, years of teaching experience in higher education, teaching discipline, and employment status) and perceived effectiveness of Web 2.0 technologies. The results of hypothesis testing that addressed each of the 40 research questions are presented in this chapter.

### Hypothesis Testing

Each research question is presented followed by the associated hypothesis, type of analysis used, the results of the hypothesis testing, and a table with the descriptive analysis.

**RQ1.** To what extent do faculty use text-based tools?

**H1.** Faculty are using text-based tools.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H1. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = -17.760, p = .000$ . On average, faculty members rate their use of text-

based tools as almost never or never ( $M = 1.71$ ,  $SD = 1.36$ ,  $N = 353$ ), which is lower than the test value (3). H1 was not supported.

**RQ2.** To what extent do faculty use image-based tools?

**H2.** Faculty are using image-based tools.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H2. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = -26.811$ ,  $p = .000$ . On average, faculty members rate their use of image-based tools as almost never or never ( $M = 1.37$ ,  $SD = 1.15$ ,  $N = 353$ ), which is lower than the test value (3). H2 was not supported.

**RQ3.** To what extent do faculty use audio tools?

**H3.** Faculty are using audio tools.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H3. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = -28.287$ ,  $p = .000$ . On average, faculty members rate their use of audio tools as almost never or never ( $M = 1.24$ ,  $SD = 1.17$ ,  $N = 353$ ), which is lower than the test value (3). H3 was not supported.

**RQ4.** To what extent do faculty use video tools?

**H4.** Faculty are using video tools.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H4. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test

value,  $t(352) = -14.967, p = .000$ . On average, faculty members rate their use of video tools as almost never ( $M = 2.02, SD = 1.23, N = 353$ ), which is lower than the test value

(3). H4 was not supported.

**RQ5.** To what extent do faculty rate text-based tools as effective?

**H5.** Faculty rate text-based tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H5. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = 13.538, p = .000$ . On average, faculty members agree that text-based tools are effective ( $M = 3.61, SD = 0.85, N = 353$ ), which is higher than the test value (3). H5 was supported.

**RQ6.** To what extent do faculty rate image-based tools as effective?

**H6.** Faculty rate image-based tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H6. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = 14.501, p = .000$ . On average, faculty members agree that image-based tools are effective ( $M = 3.62, SD = 0.80, N = 353$ ), which is higher than the test value (3). H6 was supported.

**RQ7.** To what extent do faculty rate audio tools as effective?

**H7.** Faculty rate audio tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H7. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the

analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = 13.396, p = .000$ . On average, faculty members agree that audio tools are effective ( $M = 3.55, SD = 0.77, N = 353$ ), which is higher than the test value (3). H7 was supported.

**RQ8.** To what extent do faculty rate video tools as effective?

**H8.** Faculty rate video tools as effective.

A one sample  $t$  test was conducted to test H8. The sample mean was compared against a null value of 3. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated a statistically significant difference between the mean and the test value,  $t(352) = 20.588, p = .000$ . On average, faculty members agree that video tools are effective ( $M = 3.92, SD = 0.84, N = 353$ ), which is higher than the test value (3). H8 was supported.

**RQ9.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 and older)?

**H9:** There is a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on age.

Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). A one-factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) was conducted to test H9. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,

$F(4, 348) = 1.653, p = .160$ . See Table 1 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis.

No post hoc was warranted. H9 was not supported.

Table 1

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H9*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	1.19	1.23	32
35-44	1.71	1.25	92
45-54	1.87	1.42	95
55-64	1.67	1.36	90
65+	1.84	1.52	44

**RQ10.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**H10.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on age.

Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H10. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 348) = 0.919, p = .453$ . See Table 2 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H10 was not supported.

Table 2

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H10*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	1.25	0.98	32
35-44	1.53	1.08	92
45-54	1.40	1.19	95
55-64	1.27	1.20	90
65+	1.23	1.18	44

**RQ11.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**H11.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on age.

Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H11. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 348) = 0.543, p = .704$ . See Table 3 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H11 was not supported.

Table 3

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H11*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	1.28	1.25	32
35-44	1.25	1.14	92
45-54	1.37	1.15	95
55-64	1.16	1.13	90
65+	1.11	1.28	44

**RQ12.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on age (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75 or older)?

**H12.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on age.

Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H12. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was faculty members' age. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 348) = 0.481, p = .750$ . See Table 4 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H12 was not supported.

Table 4

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H12*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	2.22	1.18	32
35-44	2.04	1.13	92
45-54	2.05	1.28	95
55-64	1.99	1.29	90
65+	1.84	1.24	44

**RQ13.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience (*0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more*)?

**H13.** There is a difference in faculty usage of text-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H13. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 0.645, p = .694$ . See Table 5 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H13 was not supported.

Table 5

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H13*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	1.74	1.41	120
5-9	1.69	1.27	75
10-14	1.78	1.33	49
15-19	1.90	1.46	40
20-24	1.43	1.38	30
25-29	1.88	1.50	17
30 +	1.36	1.26	22

**RQ14.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**H14.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based upon number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H14. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a marginally significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 1.883, p = .083$ . See Table 6 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. Although the results of the F test did not indicate a statistically significant difference, the average use of text-based tools by faculty with 10-14 years of teaching experience ( $M = 1.63$ ) was more frequent than the average use by faculty members with 20-24 years of teaching experience ( $M = 0.80$ ). H14 was supported.

Table 6

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H14*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	1.38	1.15	120
5-9	1.37	1.23	75
10-14	1.63	1.07	49
15-19	1.50	1.01	40
20-24	0.80	1.13	30
25-29	1.35	1.11	17
30+	1.18	1.14	22

**RQ15.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**H15.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H15. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 1.042, p = .398$ . See Table 7 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H15 was not supported.

Table 7

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H15*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	1.35	1.21	120
5-9	1.17	1.21	75
10-14	1.43	1.02	49
15-19	1.10	0.98	40
20-24	1.03	1.07	30
25-29	1.41	1.37	17
30 +	0.91	1.31	22

**RQ16.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more)?

**H16.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on number of years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H16. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was faculty members' number of years of teaching experience. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a marginally significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 1.822, p = .094$ . See Table 8 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. Although the results of the F test did not indicate a statistically significant difference, the average use of video tools by faculty with 10-14 years of teaching experience ( $M = 2.31$ ) was more frequent than the average use by faculty members with 20-24 years of teaching experience ( $M = 1.50$ ). H16 was supported.

Table 8

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H16*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	2.14	1.27	120
5-9	2.00	1.17	75
10-14	2.31	1.14	49
15-19	1.98	1.31	40
20-24	1.50	1.20	30
25-29	1.71	1.36	17
30+	1.86	0.99	22

**RQ17.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H17.** There is a difference in faculty usage of text-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H17. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, use of text-based tools, was the primary teaching discipline of the faculty member (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(7, 345) = 5.092, p = .000$ . See Table 9 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined five of the differences were statistically significant.

The average use of text-based tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is education ( $M = 2.15$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is arts and humanities ( $M = 1.55$ ). In addition, the average use of text-based tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is Business ( $M = 2.07$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is Biological Sciences ( $M = 0.87$ ) or Physical Sciences ( $M = 0.77$ ). Finally, the average use of text-based tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is Education ( $M = 2.15$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is Biological Sciences ( $M = 0.87$ ) or Physical Sciences ( $M = 0.77$ ). H17 was supported.

Table 9

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H17*

Discipline	$M$	$SD$	$N$
Arts & Humanities	1.55	1.34	85
Biological Sciences	0.87	1.13	15
Business	2.07	1.45	60
Education	2.15	1.30	86
Other Disciplines	1.58	1.35	24
Other Professions	1.55	1.45	29
Physical Sciences	0.77	0.86	26
Social Sciences	1.68	1.19	28

**RQ18.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of image-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences,

Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H18.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H18. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was primary discipline. The level of significance was set at .05. A one-way ANOVA was conducted to test H18. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, use of text-based tools, was the primary teaching discipline of the faculty member (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(7, 345) = 2.354, p = .023$ . See Table 10 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined two of the differences were statistically significant. The average use of image-based tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is Education ( $M = 1.64$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is Arts and Humanities ( $M = 1.19$ ). In addition, the average use of image-based tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is Other Professions ( $M = 1.79$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is Other Disciplines ( $M = 1.00$ ). H18 was supported.

Table 10

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H18*

Discipline	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Arts & Humanities	1.19	1.16	85
Biological Sciences	1.27	1.10	15
Business	1.40	1.08	60
Education	1.64	1.14	86
Other Disciplines	1.00	0.78	24
Other Professions	1.79	1.26	29
Physical Sciences	1.19	1.23	26
Social Sciences	1.07	1.15	28

**RQ19.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H19:** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H19. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, use of audio tools, was the primary teaching discipline of the faculty member (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,

$F(7, 345) = 2.411, p = .020$ . See Table 11 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined three of the differences were statistically significant. The average use of audio tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is Education ( $M = 1.40$ ), Arts and Humanities ( $M = 1.35$ ), and Business ( $M = 1.30$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is Physical Sciences ( $M = 0.46$ ). H19 was supported.

Table 11

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H19*

Discipline	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Arts & Humanities	1.35	1.23	85
Biological Sciences	0.80	0.86	15
Business	1.30	1.20	60
Education	1.40	1.16	86
Other Disciplines	1.29	1.16	24
Other Professions	1.31	1.20	29
Physical Sciences	0.46	0.76	26
Social Sciences	1.18	1.12	28

**RQ20.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines)?

**H20.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H20. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, use of video tools, was the primary teaching discipline of the faculty member (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(7, 345) = 3.339, p = .002$ . See Table 12 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined three of the differences were statistically significant. The average use of video tools by faculty whose primary teaching discipline is Education ( $M = 2.20$ ), Social Sciences ( $M = 2.29$ ), and Business ( $M = 2.38$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose primary teaching discipline is Physical Sciences ( $M = 1.31$ ). H20 was supported.

Table 12

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H20*

Discipline	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Arts & Humanities	1.84	1.30	85
Biological Sciences	1.47	1.36	15
Business	2.38	1.12	60
Education	2.20	1.16	86
Other Disciplines	1.92	1.06	24
Other Professions	2.07	1.36	29
Physical Sciences	1.31	1.19	26
Social Sciences	2.29	1.01	28

**RQ21.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of text-based tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H21.** There is a difference in faculty usage of text-based tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H21. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of text-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3, 349) = 8.885$ ,  $p = .000$ . See Table 13 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined three of the differences were statistically significant. The average use of text-based tools by faculty whose employment status is adjunct/part-time ( $M = 2.20$ ) is significantly more frequent than the average use by faculty members whose employment status is full-time non-tenure track ( $M = 1.57$ ), full-time tenure track ( $M = 1.44$ ) and full-time tenured ( $M = 1.34$ ). H21 was supported.

Table 13

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H21*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	2.20	1.47	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	1.57	1.27	82
Full-time Tenure Track	1.44	1.25	61
Full-time Tenured	1.34	1.19	87

**RQ22.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty member's use of image-based tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H22.** There is a difference in faculty usage of image-based tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H22. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of image-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a marginally significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3,349) = 2.555, p = .055$ . See Table 14 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. Although the results of the F test did not indicate a statistically significant difference, the average use of image-based tools by faculty whose employment status is full-time non-tenured ( $M = 1.62$ ) was more frequent than the average use by faculty whose employment status is full-time tenured ( $M = 1.14$ ). H122 was supported.

Table 14

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H22*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	1.37	1.13	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	1.62	1.16	82
Full-time Tenure Track	1.34	1.06	61
Full-time Tenured	1.14	1.17	87

**RQ23.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of audio tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H23.** There is a difference in faculty usage of audio tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H23. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of audio tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3, 349) = 1.628, p = .183$ . See Table 15 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted.

H23 was not supported.

Table 15

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H23*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	1.26	1.17	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	1.43	1.12	82
Full-time Tenure Track	1.26	1.17	61
Full-time Tenured	1.03	1.19	87

**RQ24.** To what extent is there a difference in faculty use of video tools based on employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, or adjunct/part-time)?

**H24.** There is a difference in faculty usage of video tools based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H24. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, faculty usage of video tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, and adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3, 349) = 1.567, p = .197$ . See Table 16 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H24 was not supported.

Table 16

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H24*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	2.10	1.28	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	2.15	1.23	82
Full-time Tenure Track	2.05	1.12	61
Full-time Tenured	1.78	1.21	87

**RQ25.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on age?

**H25.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H25. Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two

means,  $F(4, 348) = 0.890, p = .470$ . See Table 17 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H25 was not supported.

Table 17

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H25*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	3.41	0.98	32
35-44	3.62	0.85	92
45-54	3.71	0.81	95
55-64	3.56	0.88	90
65 +	3.66	0.78	44

**RQ26.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on age?

**H26.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H26. Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 348) = 1.261, p = .285$ . See Table 18 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H26 was not supported.

Table 18

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H26*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	3.47	0.88	32
35-44	3.70	0.91	92
45-54	3.72	0.71	95
55-64	3.53	0.78	90
65 +	3.52	0.70	44

**RQ27.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on age?

**H27:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H27. Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 348) = 0.625, p = .645$ . See Table 19 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H27 was not supported.

Table 19

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H27*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	3.53	0.91	32
35-44	3.53	0.78	92
45-54	3.65	0.78	95
55-64	3.52	0.74	90
65 +	3.45	0.73	44

**RQ28.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on age?

**H28:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on age.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H28. Preliminary frequency analyses revealed that the age category, 75 and older, contained only four respondents. Therefore, prior to conducting the analyses that involved the variable, age, the categories were revised from the original 6 ranges noted in RQ9 to the following five ranges: (24-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65 and older). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 348) = 0.465, p = .762$ . See Table 20 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H28 was not supported.

Table 20

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H28*

Age	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
24-34	3.88	0.87	32
35-44	3.93	0.84	92
45-54	3.99	0.82	95
55-64	3.89	0.87	90
65 +	3.80	0.80	44

**RQ29.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H29:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H29. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience ((0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more). The level of significance was set at .05. The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6,346) = 2.220, p = .041$ . See Table 21 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined one differences was statistically significant, the average rating of effectiveness of text-based tools by faculty whose years of teaching experience was 25-29 ( $M = 3.94$ ) was significantly higher than the rating of effectiveness for faculty whose years of teaching experience was 30 or more years ( $M = 3.23$ ). H28 was supported.

Table 21

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H29*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	3.54	0.92	120
5-9	3.72	0.82	75
10-14	3.65	0.83	49
15-19	3.80	0.72	40
20-24	3.40	0.81	30
25-29	3.94	0.83	17
30 +	3.23	0.69	22

**RQ30.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H30:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H30. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 0.918, p = .482$ . See Table 22 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H30 was not supported.

Table 22

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H30*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	3.58	0.88	120
5-9	3.65	0.81	75
10-14	3.80	0.81	49
15-19	3.63	0.77	40
20-24	3.43	0.63	30
25-29	3.71	0.69	17
30 +	3.45	0.60	22

**RQ31.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H31:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H31. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience ((0-5, 5- 9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 1.531, p = 0.167$ . See Table 23 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H31 was not supported.

Table 23

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H31*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	3.56	0.88	120
5-9	3.59	0.70	75
10-14	3.73	0.73	49
15-19	3.50	0.68	40
20-24	3.27	0.83	30
25-29	3.71	0.69	17
30 +	3.36	0.58	22

**RQ32.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the number of years of teaching experience?

**H32:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on years of teaching experience.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H32. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video tools, was faculty member's number of years of teaching experience (0-5, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, or 30 or more). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(6, 346) = 3.021$ ,  $p = .007$ . See Table 24 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined two of the differences were statistically significant. The average rating of effectiveness of text-based tools by faculty whose years of teaching experience was 10-14 ( $M = 4.27$ ) is significantly higher than the rating of effectiveness by faculty members whose years of teaching experience was 15-19 ( $M = 3.78$ ) or 20-24

( $M = 3.573$ ). H32 was supported.

Table 24

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H32*

Yrs. Experience	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
0-4	3.90	0.96	120
5-9	4.00	0.70	75
10-14	4.27	0.70	49
15-19	3.78	0.77	40
20-24	3.57	0.77	30
25-29	3.88	0.78	17
30 +	3.68	0.84	22

**RQ33.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H33.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H33. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(7, 345) = 2.815, p = .007$ . See Table 25 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined two of the differences were statistically significant. The average rating of effectiveness of text-based tools by faculty whose teaching discipline was Education

( $M = 3.81$ ) is significantly higher than the rating of effectiveness by faculty members whose teaching discipline was Biological Sciences ( $M = 3.13$ ) or Physical Sciences ( $M = 3.27$ ). H33 was supported.

Table 25

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H33*

Discipline	$M$	$SD$	$N$
Arts & Humanities	3.56	0.85	85
Biological Sciences	3.13	0.99	15
Business	3.73	0.95	60
Education	3.81	0.76	86
Other Disciplines	3.29	0.86	24
Other Professions	3.66	0.72	29
Physical Sciences	3.27	0.83	26
Social Sciences	3.68	0.72	28

**RQ34.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H34:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor (ANOVA) was conducted to test H34. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,

$F(7, 345) = 1.235, p = .283$ . See Table 26 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis.

No post hoc was warranted. H34 was not supported.

Table 26

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H34*

Discipline	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Arts & Humanities	3.64	0.81	85
Biological Sciences	3.27	1.033	15
Business	3.67	0.73	60
Education	3.70	0.75	86
Other Disciplines	3.29	0.81	24
Other Professions	3.72	0.92	29
Physical Sciences	3.62	0.80	26
Social Sciences	3.57	0.74	28

**RQ35.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H35.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H35. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a marginally significant difference between at least two means,  $F(7, 345) = 1.810, p = .084$ . See Table 27 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. Although the results of the F test did not

indicate a statistically significant difference, the rating of effectiveness of text-based tools by faculty whose teaching discipline was Arts and Humanities ( $M = 3.71$ ) was higher than rating of effectiveness by faculty members whose teaching discipline was Physical Sciences ( $M = 3.15$ ). H35 was supported.

Table 27

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H35*

Discipline	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Arts & Humanities	3.71	0.74	85
Biological Sciences	3.53	0.52	15
Business	3.53	0.81	60
Education	3.57	0.76	86
Other Disciplines	3.33	1.01	24
Other Professions	3.62	0.77	29
Physical Sciences	3.15	0.73	26
Social Sciences	3.57	0.69	28

**RQ36.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline?

**H36:** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on the primary teaching discipline.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H36. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video based tools, was primary teaching discipline (Arts & Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Other Professions, Social Sciences, or Other Disciplines). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a

significant difference between at least two means,  $F(7, 345) = 1.289, p = .255$ . See Table 28 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H36 was not supported.

Table 28

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H36*

Discipline	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Arts & Humanities	3.88	0.81	85
Biological Sciences	3.73	0.70	15
Business	4.15	0.82	60
Education	3.91	0.83	86
Other Disciplines	3.79	1.06	24
Other Professions	3.90	0.82	29
Physical Sciences	3.65	0.89	26
Social Sciences	4.00	0.72	28

**RQ37.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on employment status?

**H37.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of text-based tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H37. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of text-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure, adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was a statistically significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3, 349) = 5.571$ ,

$p = .001$ . See Table 29 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. The Tukey's HSD post hoc determined two of the differences were statistically significant. The average rating of effectiveness of text-based tools by faculty whose employment status is adjunct/part-time ( $M = 3.85$ ) is significantly higher than the rating of effectiveness by faculty members whose employment status is full-time tenure track ( $M = 3.54$ ) or full-time tenured ( $M = 3.39$ ). H37 was supported.

Table 29

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H37*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	3.85	0.84	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	3.55	0.72	82
Full-time Tenure Track	3.54	1.026	61
Full-time Tenured	3.39	0.77	87

**RQ38.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on employment status?

**H38.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of image-based tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor (ANOVA) was conducted to test H38. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of image-based tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(4, 349) = 1.446$ ,  $p = .229$ . See Table 30 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H38 was not supported.

Table 30

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H38*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	3.59	0.78	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	3.70	0.76	82
Full-time Tenure Track	3.74	0.91	61
Full-time Tenured	3.49	0.78	87

**RQ39.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on employment status?

**H39.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of audio tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor (ANOVA) was conducted to test H39. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of audio tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, adjunct/part time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3, 349) = 1.751, p = .156$ . See Table 31 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H39 was not supported.

Table 31

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H39*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	3.59	0.87	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	3.63	0.69	82
Full-time Tenure Track	3.61	0.80	61
Full-time Tenured	3.39	0.67	87

**RQ40.** To what extent is there a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on employment status?

**H40.** There is a difference in how the effectiveness of video tools is rated based on employment status.

A one-factor ANOVA was conducted to test H40. The categorical variable used to group the dependent variable, effectiveness of video tools, was employment status (full-time tenured, full-time tenure track, full-time non-tenure track, adjunct/part-time). The level of significance was set at .05. The results of the analysis indicated there was not a significant difference between at least two means,  $F(3, 349) = 0.864, p = .460$ . See Table 32 for the descriptive statistics for this analysis. No post hoc was warranted. H40 was not supported.

Table 32

*Descriptive Statistics for the Test of H40*

Employment Status	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>N</i>
Adjunct/Part-Time	3.97	0.91	123
Full-time Non-Tenure Track	3.93	0.75	82
Full-time Tenure Track	3.97	0.77	61
Full-time Tenured	3.79	0.84	87

**Summary**

Chapter 4 included the data analysis and the hypothesis testing for the 40 research questions that guided this study. Chapter 5 contains a study summary, including an overview of the problem, review of the methodology, and major findings. In addition, Chapter 5 contains findings related to the literature, recommendations for future research, and conclusions

## Chapter 5

### Interpretation and Recommendations

Chapter 5 provides a summary of the study including an overview of the problem, purpose statement, research questions, review of the methodology, and major findings from the hypothesis testing. The major findings are then linked to literature reviewed in Chapter 2. The chapter concludes with implications for action and recommendations for future research. Concluding remarks close the chapter.

#### Study Summary

This section provides a summary of the current study. The summary includes an overview of the usage and perceived effectiveness of select Web 2.0 tools in the classroom. The purpose statement, research questions, and methodology are reviewed. Finally, major findings of the study are explained.

**Overview of the problem.** For years, educational technology developers and university administrators have struggled to achieve effective implementation of technology in classrooms (Baran, 2016; Coley et al., 1997; Khan et al., 2017; Sandholtz, 2001; Silverstein et al., 2000; U.S. Congress, 1995). As college students become more technologically sophisticated, faculty are increasingly expected to use instructional technologies more frequently. Faculty need to be aware of what technologies are available, develop skills in applying available tools to teaching, and develop confidence in the effectiveness of technologies applied to teaching and student learning. Understanding the scope of the usage of these technology tools by faculty and their perceptions of the effectiveness of these tools in teaching and student learning is important in understanding implementation obstacles.

**Purpose statement and research questions.** The first purpose of the current study was to determine faculty usage of text-based, image-based, audio, and video technology applications as teaching tools. A second purpose of the study was to investigate faculty perceptions about the effectiveness of these technologies as teaching tools. A third purpose was to examine if there were relationships between faculty demographics (age, years of teaching experience in higher education, teaching discipline, and employment status) and faculty usage of Web 2.0 technologies. A final purpose was to examine if there were relationships between faculty demographics (age, years of teaching experience in higher education, teaching discipline, and employment status) and perceived effectiveness of Web 2.0 technologies. To guide this study 40 research questions were developed, and 40 hypotheses were tested to address the purposes of this study.

**Review of the methodology.** A quantitative descriptive survey research design was used for this study. The dependent variables included in the research study were whether the faculty member used the Web 2.0 tools and faculty member perceptions of the Web 2.0 tools as effective teaching and learning tools. The independent variables included in the current research study were the faculty member's age, years of teaching experience, primary teaching discipline, and employment status.

**Major findings.** Results of the current study indicated that faculty members almost never or never use text-based, image-based, audio, and video tools. However, faculty indicated that text-based, image-based, audio, and video tools are effective. The current study found no significant findings related to age having an impact on the use or perceived effectiveness of these tools.

Study results indicated that the number of years of teaching experience has an impact on the use of image-based and video tools. Faculty with 10-14 years of teaching experience used image-based and video tools more frequently than those with 20-24 years of teaching experience. The primary discipline of the faculty also has an impact on the use text-based, image-based, audio, and video tools. Education and Business faculty use text-based tools more than Physical Sciences faculty. Education faculty use text-based and image-based tools more than Arts & Humanities faculty. Other Professions faculty use image-based tools more than Other Disciplines faculty. Education, Arts & Humanities, and Business faculty use audio tools more than Physical Sciences faculty and Business, Education, Social Sciences, and Business faculty use video tools more than Physical Sciences faculty. Employment status has an impact on the use text-based and image-based tools. Adjunct/part-time faculty members use text-based tools more than full-time non-tenure track, full-time tenure-track, and full-time tenured faculty. Also, full-time non-tenured faculty use image-based tools more than full-time tenured faculty.

Number of years of teaching experience has an impact on ratings of effectiveness of text-based and video tools. Faculty with 25-29 years of teaching experience perceived text-based tools as more effective than faculty with 30 or more years of teaching experience. Additionally, faculty with 10-14 years of teaching experience perceived video tools as more effective than faculty with 15-24 years of experience. The faculty members' primary teaching discipline impacted the perceived effectiveness of text-based and audio tools. Education faculty perceived text-based tools as more effective than Biological Sciences or Physical Sciences faculty. Arts & Humanities faculty perceived that audio tools are more effective than Physical Sciences

faculty. Faculty employment status impacts perceived effectiveness of text-based tools. Adjunct/part-time faculty perceive text-based tools as more effective than full-time tenured, and full-time tenure track faculty.

### **Findings Related to the Literature**

This section examines the current study's findings as they relate to the literature regarding the growth of educational technology use in the classroom and the challenges of the integration and implementation of those technologies. Daher and Lazarevic (2014) determined that a majority of the faculty did not use any Web 2.0 tools. They also concluded that the faculty who did use the tools found they could engage with students and improve classroom experience. The current study supports these findings. Moseley (2010) found that expanded frequency in use of technology by faculty and students increased the usefulness of the technology. The current study did not support these findings. The current study found that while faculty reported almost never to never in terms of use of the four Web 2.0 technologies they perceived all four tools to be effective.

### **Conclusions**

This study reviewed the usage of select Web 2.0 tools by faculty. Additionally, it reviewed the perceived effectiveness of those select Web 2.0 tools as teaching and student learning tools. The results of the study have implications for university leaders and faculty. The study's results have created a foundation for further research for those interested in efficient and successful implementation of educational technologies in the classroom.

**Implications for action.** The research conducted as part of the current study has implications for university academic leaders, faculty, and higher education technology

professionals. The indication that usage of these four tools is lower than expected should be of concern to university academic leaders, faculty, and higher education technology professionals. There is a significant expectation in today's higher education landscape for increased use of technology instruction. Student expectations are high for use of technology in their personal and academic lives. There will be increased pressure on faculty to use varied technology tools in instruction. The reported low use of text-based, image-based, audio, and video tools in the current study suggests a gap between faculty use of technology and student expectations.

For those looking to make changes or significant implementations of technology use in the classroom, the findings from this current study could be helpful. Faculty years of teaching experience, employment status, and teaching discipline all showed an impact on the usage and perceived effectiveness of the tools. This information can be used to strategically find and support early-adopters and provide a foundation for examining why faculty struggle with implementation of new technologies.

The variances that the current study showed in use and perceived effectiveness of technology tools based on the primary teaching discipline might also be useful to staff engaged in offering technology oriented professional development. The results of this study indicated that faculty in Education and Business disciplines reported using text-based and audio tools significantly more than other disciplines. Faculty members from these disciplines could provide workshops for faculty in disciplines where the use is not as great by sharing examples of how varied technologies can be incorporated into teaching. Higher education institutions may also consider having specific training on instructional technologies for all new faculty hires. In addition, workshops related to

teaching technologies could be provided for all faculty. These endeavors will require effort and a commitment of financial resources.

**Recommendations for future research.** This study added to the research related to use of technology tools in higher education teaching. While this study provided implications for academic leaders, faculty, and higher education technology leaders, there are other areas of research that should be explored. The following are recommendations for further research related to this topic:

1. This study looked at 4 of the 14 categories in Bower's (2016) study on Web 2.0 tools. Future research could expand this study to include the remainder of the 14 categories to provide additional data on usage and perceived effectiveness of other tools used in teaching in higher education settings.
2. This study used a population of faculty from colleges and universities that were all private not-for-profit institutions. Future research could be conducted in public and for-profit colleges and universities.
3. This study did not directly address the question of professional development related to the use of Web 2.0 tools. Future studies could examine the impact of professional development on usage of Web 2.0 tools.
4. This study focused on the faculty and their usage and perceived effectiveness of these tools. A future study could focus on students to determine how they use these tools and how effective they perceive them as learning tools.

**Concluding remarks.** Today's college campuses are filled with a wide range of generational faculty. Baby Boomers learned from the 'sage on the stage'. Generation X faculty lived through a time of enormous investment and change in technology that had

yet to impact their daily lives. Millennials were the drivers of the first wave of the information age, and the newest faculty, the Gen Z group, are just now entering the faculty ranks as graduate assistants and first year college and university teachers. In comparison, the class of traditional students entering college for fall 2019 will have been born after the turn of the century, well into the Digital age. These students have never lived without technology. They expect to interact with faculty using current technology tools. This disparity between students and faculty continues. However, the speed at which characteristics of generations change increases demands for closing the gap between faculty members use of technology and students' expectations.

The economics and investments around educational technology has grown exponentially with the intention of bridging those gaps, creating new academic delivery models, and creating efficiency in a model that has been criticized for ever escalating costs. This study highlighted the challenges colleges and universities have related to faculty usage and perceptions about the effectiveness of select Web 2.0 technology tools. Implementation of these classroom technologies is less about the technology hardware and more about the usefulness of these tools in engaging the pedagogy in a way that creates a positive learning environment. The results of the current study suggest there is an urgent need to increase faculty use of instructional technology tools. Current and future students will increasingly expect faculty to use varied technology tools in teaching.

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## Appendices

## **Appendix A: Survey Instrument**

# Use and Perceived Effectiveness of Web 2.0 Tools for Teaching and Learning at Kansas Independent College Association Member Institutions

## Survey

### Doctoral Dissertation Study - Andy Jett - Baker University

College or University where you are Currently Employed\*

Age\*

24-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65-74  75 and older

Number of Years of employment as a faculty member?\*

0-4  5-9  10-14  15-19  20-24  25-29  30 or more years

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#### Explanation of Discipline Categories:

**Arts & Humanities** (Art, English, History, Journalism, Language, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Speech, Theater, Theology )

**Biological Sciences** (Biology, Biochemistry, Botany, Environmental Science, Life Science)

**Business** (Accounting, Business Administration, Finance, International Business, Marketing, Management)

**Education** (Business Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Music Education, Physical Education, Special Education)

**Engineering** (Aeronautical, Civil, Chemical, Electrical, Industrial, Materials, Mechanical)

**Physical Sciences** (Astronomy, Atmospheric, Chemistry, Earth Science, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics)

**Other Professions** ( Architecture, Urban Planning, Health Technology, Law, Library Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinarian, Nursing, Pharmacy, Allied Health, Therapy)

**Social Sciences** (Anthropology, Economics, Ethic Studies, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Gender Studies)

**Other Disciplines** (Agriculture, Communications, Computer Science, Family Studies, Conservation, Kinesiology, Criminal Justice, Military Science, Sports Management, Public Administration, Technical/Vocational).

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Primary Discipline Category\*

- Arts & Humanities   
  Biological Sciences   
  Business   
  Education   
  Engineering   
  Physical Sciences   
  Other Professions (see description above)   
  Social Sciences   
  Other Disciplines (see description above)
- Employment Status (what best fits your current status)\*
- Full-time Tenured   
 Full-time Tenure Track   
 Full-time Non-Tenure Track   
 Adjunct / Non-Full Time Faculty

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**Below are four categories of Web 2.0 tools and explanations and examples of each.**

**For each category you will be asked about your experience with these tools when used as part of courses that are primarily taught as on-ground/face to face.**

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**Text-Based Tools**

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**Examples:**

Synchronous Text Discussion - *Exchange of text-based comments in real time*

Discussion Forums - *Asynchronous text discussions organized by threads or themes.*

Note-taking and Document Creation - *Collaborative authoring of documents in real time*

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To what extent do you use any of these text-based tools for instruction of your on-ground classes?\*

- never use   
 almost never   
 occasionally/sometimes   
 almost every time   
 frequently use

Text-based tools (as described above) are effective teaching tools?\*

- strongly disagree   
 disagree   
 neither agree or disagree   
 agree   
 strongly agree
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### Image-Based Tools

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#### **Examples:**

Image Sharing - *Asynchronous public sharing of images*

Image Creation and Editing - *Individual creation and editing of images shareable via URL*

Drawing - *Use of mouse/or digital pen as a tool to create pictures which can be shared via URL*

Online White boarding - *Use of line, shape, and text tools to structure illustrative processes*

Diagramming - *Templates for creating diagrams and flow charts*

Mind mapping - *Creation of images to represent a knowledge network*

Word Clouds - *Creation and sharing of visual arrangements of key words*

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To what extent do you use any of these Image-Based tools for instruction of your on-ground classes?\*

never use  almost never  occasionally/sometimes  almost everytime  frequently use

Image-based tools (as described above) are effective teaching tools?\*

strongly disagree  disagree  neither agree or disagree  agree  strongly agree

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### Audio Tools

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#### **Examples:**

Audio Sharing - *Upload and share audio recordings, for instance - podcats*

Audio Creation and Editing - *Record and often remix audio directly through the browser*

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To what extent do you use any of these Audio tools for instruction of your on-ground classes?\*

never use    almost never    occasionally/sometimes    almost everytime    frequently use

Audio tools (as described above) are effective teaching tools?\*

strongly disagree    disagree    neither agree or disagree    agree    strongly agree

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### Video Tools

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### Examples:

Video Sharing - Share video content via public repositories

Video Creation and Editing - Create and edit videos through the browser

Video Streaming - Publicly broadcast a live video stream from their video camera or webcam

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To what extent do you use any of these Video tools for instruction of your on-ground classes?\*

never use    almost never    occasionally/sometimes    almost every time    frequently use

Video tools (as described above) are effective teaching tools?\*

strongly disagree    disagree    neither agree or disagree    agree    strongly agree

**Appendix B: Baker University IRB Approval**

*Baker University Institutional Review Board*

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Andy Jett and Tes Mehring,

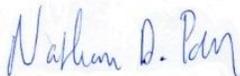
The Baker University IRB has reviewed your project application and approved this project under Expedited Status Review. As described, the project complies with all the requirements and policies established by the University for protection of human subjects in research. Unless renewed, approval lapses one year after approval date.

Please be aware of the following:

1. Any significant change in the research protocol as described should be reviewed by this Committee prior to altering the project.
2. Notify the IRB about any new investigators not named in original application.
3. When signed consent documents are required, the primary investigator must retain the signed consent documents of the research activity.
4. If this is a funded project, keep a copy of this approval letter with your proposal/grant file.
5. If the results of the research are used to prepare papers for publication or oral presentation at professional conferences, manuscripts or abstracts are requested for IRB as part of the project record.

Please inform this Committee or myself when this project is terminated or completed. As noted above, you must also provide IRB with an annual status report and receive approval for maintaining your status. If you have any questions, please contact me at [npoell@bakeru.edu](mailto:npoell@bakeru.edu) or 785.594.4582.

Sincerely,



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**Appendix C: Email to KICA CIOs and Directors of Instructional Technology at  
KICA Institutions**

Email to CIO and Director of IT at each school in population:

Hello all! Hope you are staying warm....this is going to be a crazy week for wind chill---stay safe!

I have a personal request. I am completing my Ed.D. in Higher Ed Leadership here at Baker and for my dissertation I am doing a study on the use and perception of Web 2.0 tools by KICA member faculty.

I have gone to each schools website directly and pulled down (sometimes guessing) email addresses for faculty and will be emailing them later this week.

I am hoping maybe you could give your faculty a 'heads up' and letting them know it is not SPAM and ask them to take the time to take the short survey.

Below is the proposed email I will be sending.

Let me know if you have any questions.

**Appendix D: Initial Invitation to Participate in the Survey**

To: Faculty at KICA Institutions  
From: Andy Jett – Ed.D. Candidate – Baker University  
Date:  
Subject: Doctoral Dissertation Study

Dear Faculty member:

I am currently a doctoral student at Baker University, working to complete my dissertation. As part of this study I am investigating faculty who teach at member schools of KICA (Kansas Independent Colleges Association) and their usage and perception of effectiveness of Web 2.0 tools. I kindly ask for your participation in a survey, which can be found by clicking on the following link:

[https://bakeruniversity.formstack.com/forms/andys\\_edd\\_dissertation\\_survey](https://bakeruniversity.formstack.com/forms/andys_edd_dissertation_survey)

Bearing in mind the value of your time, the entire survey should take no longer than 15 minutes for you to complete. While the majority of the survey is multiple-choice format, it will require you to review some definitions of terms related to categories of Web 2.0 tools.

Please rest assured that your answers will be kept anonymous. All responses will be kept confidential and combined with responses from other participants in summary form. The completion of the survey will indicate your consent to participate and permission to use the information provided by you in my research study. Lastly, please know you also have the option to not any question(s) included on the survey that causes you concern. Likewise, you may discontinue participation at any point during the survey.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation in the study. I sincerely appreciate your willingness to support this work. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the survey or if you would like a copy of the results. I can be reached anytime at [ajett@bakeru.edu](mailto:ajett@bakeru.edu) or you are welcome to call me personally at (816) 520-4081.

At the end of the survey you can choose to enter into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon Gift card. Once the survey has concluded we will communicate with the winner via the email provided.

**Appendix E: Reminder Invitation to Participate in the Survey**

To: Faculty at KICA Institutions

From: Andy Jett – Ed.D Candidate – Baker University

Date:

Subject: Doctoral Dissertation Study - Reminder

Dear Faculty member:

This is a kind reminder for your participation in my dissertation survey.

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