Ray Castle Podcast

Hala: Today we have Dr. Ray Castle, the Associate Professor of Professional Practice in the Department of Kinesiology. He is also the director of the program with a Concentration in Athletic Training. So today, Ray, if you could just talk a little bit about your involvement with the MDAC committee.

Ray: Yeah sure! As Hala said, I’m in the department of kinesiology in the college of education. My involvement in MDAC is – I’ve been probably on the MDAC for about 2 years now I guess- It was started- we got an email and they were looking for members or representatives for the college of education to serve on MDAC so I put my name in that hat and I’ve been on it since then.

Hala: Okay if you want to just talk a little bit about your perceptions of faculty having a voice in the development of Moodle here on campus.

Ray: I think that – One thing I kind of gather is there’s been some- I’m not sure if it’s maybe over offs what I’ve seen with faculty I’ve interacted with its been more of not really sure of what there is a voice or not or they’ve put some things in place – really it gives into there’s a silent voice that they’re probably not aware of that through the Faculty Technology Center – in their support for Moodle- and a faculty member has that question then you all are pushing forward requests for something that may come up periodically. But also, the MDAC has avenues for you know contact the college representatives or administrative or other academic representatives for specific questions. And typically if one person has a problem or is looking for a suggestion it goes through that process. Once it gets to the MDAC it goes up in a development review queue and then at our regular meetings we evaluate that request as an investigation before hand and then we will look at it one, in terms of long-term use, mass use, or something very finite that it may be a very simple build it may be something we haven’t added in or it needs something down for the future use and in this case we are moving to Moodle 2.0 and it has significant enhancements. I put a request in a couple years ago specifically looking at the items feature where you can put – instead of having multiple quizzes but changing the date but having the same start time and end time and that was – I did it before I got on MDAC, got on MDAC and it was rejected but it was but on queue because 2.0 is probably going to have that feature down the line potentially. So in looking at what they’re building so in they’re priority system it’s going to hopefully come back up again or do that so a very efficient process.

Hala: Thank you for your time Ray we appreciate it.

Ray: Great thank you, and thank you for everything you all do.