Speaker 1

How do you use technology now?

Speaker 2 (Jose Martinez)

Pretty much on a daily basis. All my classrooms, I go to my lecture slides, I review on Lecture Capture. I pretty much don’t use books at all. Everything I do, I do online. All my research is done online. All my papers, I’ve done through my computer. I have not only my laptop, but my iPad to review classes when I’m on the bus. I download e-books and stuff like that.

Speaker 1

How do you think students will be using technology to learn in 2020?

Speaker 2

I’m guessing most of the stuff we have already, but it’s just the cultural bed that’s still not allowing us to fully engage in technology. Most of the stuff, we can, we can review stuff online, but some people still like to browse their books, some people still like to highlight, some people still like taking notes. At some point, I’m guessing we’re going to be out of paper and we won’t need it.

Speaker 1

What skills do you think lecturers should have in 2020?

Speaker 2

I think they would, they would have to engage not only, well it’s a different bit of learning, of course, depending on the subject itself. For, for subjects, we’re talking in a globalised world, where you have to be updated with the technology, you have to be updated with the knowledge. I think nowadays learning formulas gets you nowhere, especially when you’re never going to use them. Everything is done through a computer.

Speaker 1

What new technology do you think will exist in 2020?
Speaker 2

I know that things will get lighter, faster, smaller. I’ve heard of, I’ve seen documentaries and stuff where now everything will be, even projects, where everything you have it on your glasses, and instead of having a phone in your hand or a PDA or something, it’s a screen that goes in front of your glasses and with all the information that you need – GPS, music, computer, classroom – absolutely everything.

Speaker 1

How do you see universities using technology in 2020?

Speaker 2

Classes, they’re already online just before you go just so you can prepare, and then you have the Lecture Capture afterwards, but I’m guessing nowadays people would engage more into using those means instead of just having them as a backup, and actually still rely on the book as a first source.

Speaker 1

Will it still be important to have a physical place to learn?

Speaker 2

I would say definitely. I think that, I think that we need the classroom as much as we need technology. I think they go hand by hand. I think the social aspect of it all is what makes it great about going to school. You have to engage in your students, you have to have discussions. You have, of course, you can do all of this online, and you can do this via webcam and stuff like that, being everywhere else in the world, but the opportunity of meeting in a place, of meeting people, of actually discussing the subjects from the classroom might be as rewarding as the class itself, or even more. That’s where you sink in all the information you’ve had from the teacher, and you actually make it yours.

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