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**Evaluating Lecturers' and Learners' Perceptions and Experiences towards Technology-Enabled Learning (TEL) at The University of Papua New Guinea** 

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

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Technology-Enabled Learning (TEL) :

- Control State Activity State Acti
- Use of various technology tools to enhance learning
- Use of technology, platforms, systems and digital content to extend and enhance student-centred learning.
- TEL introduced in 2018 (Kirkwood & Price, 2021)

LMS e.g. Moodle 2016 (COL)

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### **General Key Features**

- Online Courses and Modules
- Digital Content
- Virtual Classrooms
- Self-paced Learning
- Adaptive Learning
- \*Assessment and Feedback
- Collaborative Learning
- \*Access to Resources
- Flexibility
- \*Engagement



# **2. TEL SIGNIFICANCE**

#### Enhanced Access and Flexibility-

• 24/7 access to educational resources.

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- Flexible online platforms cater to varied schedules and preferences.
- Remote access ensures both on-campus and distance learners can engage effectively

#### Engaging and Interactive Learning

 Multimedia tools simplify complex concepts through presentations, simulations, virtual labs; online forums, collaboration promote active learning

#### Efficient Assessment and Progress Tracking

 Tech assessments (online quizzes, assignments) speed grading, offer quick feedback; LMS monitors progress, customizes teaching; data analytics refine strategies for better UPNG learning.



### **2.RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

What are the learners' perceptions and attitudes towards TEL at UPNG?

How do lecturers' experience using TEL and how does it impact their teaching?



### <sup>5</sup> 3.OBJECTIVES

To examine the impact of technology on students and lecturers engagement, motivation, and learning outcomes.

To explore the readiness of students and academic staff to adopt and integrate technology into their teaching and learning practices.



### 4. METHODOLOGY AND RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

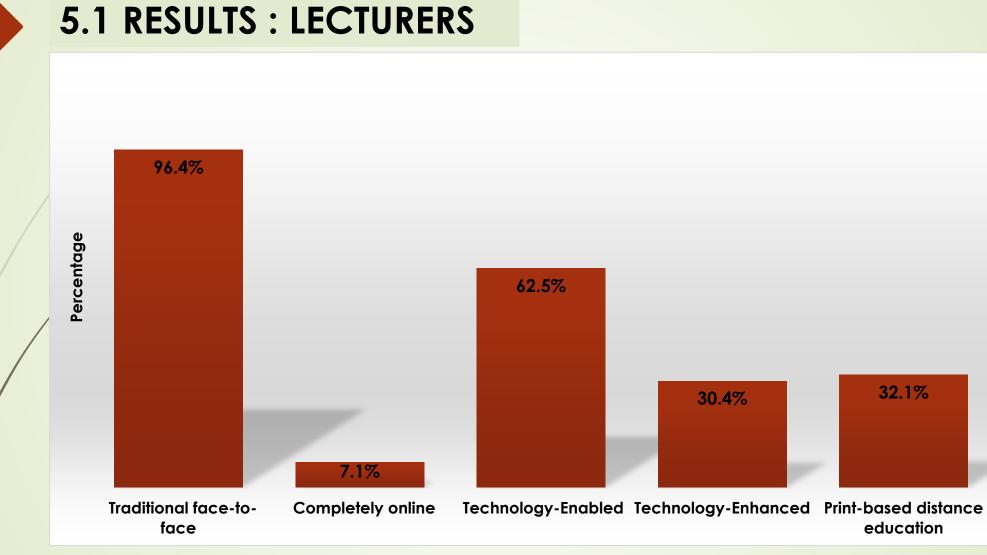
- Mix-Methods -Qualitative and Quantitative methods
- Two distinct questionnaires for learners and lecturers
- Disseminated through Monkey Survey for those who have internet access
- Hard copies for those without internet access
- Data Analysis –MS Excel for analysis and chart creation, while SPSS was used to conduct normality and correlation tests.
- Data Sample
  73 learners
  56 lecturers



## **5.RESULTS: KEY AREAS**

- Accessibility to and Availability of Technology
- ✤ Infrastructure
- Device Accessibility
- Use of Technology
- Virtual Classrooms
- Learning Management System (LMS)
- Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Professional Development
- Interactive Discussions
- Digital Libraries





#### Figure 4.Teaching Modes

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### **5.2 LECTURERS' COMPUTER SKILL LEVELS**

- Software Proficiency Level :
  - Majority of respondents have User-level proficiency in various software tools Standard Deviation of 10.4.
  - Some areas show limited Expertise, particularly Digital audio and Learning Management System.
- Advanced Skills Level:

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- A portion of respondents demonstrate Advanced skills in tools like Spreadsheets, Presentation, and Graphic editing.
- Varied Presentation Skills Level:
  - Presentation skills show a mix of Expertise, User, and some Advanced levels.
- Limited Web Design Expertise Level:
- Web page design skills mainly reside at the User level, with varying levels of expertise.



### **10 5.3 LECTURERS' PERCEPTIONS**

- Positive perceptions about Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL) and its benefits among academic staff.
- TEL addresses educational challenges and provides new avenues for teaching, thereby enhancing efficiency.
- TEL recognized for time-saving, widened education access, and promotion of collaborative learning.
- TEL's role in engaging learners and enhancing teaching quality through multimedia integration.
- Acknowledgment of TEL's potential to elevate education quality and improve student learning.
- Strong consensus (71.4% to 73.2%) on adopting TEL at UPNG, highlighting its significance in the curriculum and advantages for students



## **6.1 RESULTS : LEARNERS**

#### Table 1. Learners Perception about Use of TEL at UPNG

Perceptions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Mean	Standard Deviation
will help me get better results in my subjects.	62 84.9%	<b>8</b> 11.0%	2 2.7%	1 1. <b>4</b> %	0 0.0%	14.6	26.7
will help me understand the subject material nore deeply	59 80.8%	5 6.8%	7 9.6%	1 1.4%	1 1.4%	14.6	25.0
makes completing work in my subjects more onvenient.	61 83.6%	7 9.6%	2 2.7%	2 2.7%	1 1.4%	14.6	26.0
motivates me to explore many topics I may ot have seen before.	68 93.2%	5 6.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	14.6	29.9
allows me to collaborate with others easily, oth on and outside of the campus.	67 91.8%	6 8.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	14.6	29.4
will improve my IT/information management kills in general.	70 95.9%	3 4.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	14.6	31.0
will improve my career or employment rospects in the long term.	71 97.3%	2 2.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	14.6	31.5



### 12 6.2 LEARNERS PERCEPTIONS

- Predominantly positive (85% find TEL beneficial)
- Flexible methods (online platforms, mobile learning, video conferencing)
- Convenient access to course materials and interactions
- Improves digital literacy and tech familiarity



## <sup>13</sup> 7.CONCLUSION

Implementation of TEL at UPNG:

- Potential for pedagogic transformation
- Leverages technology for innovative content delivery
- Utilizes online learning management systems, multimedia tools, social media, mobile devices
- \*Benefits of TEL:
  - Flexible and accessible learning environment
- **Key to successful TEL integration:** 
  - Proper planning, training, and support
- Ongoing evaluation and feedback mechanisms:
  - Monitor TEL effectiveness
  - Make continuous improvements



# 8.RECOMMENDATIONS

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- I. Develop appropriate ICT Policy
- II. Enhance ICT Infrastructure
- III. Strengthen Capacity Building
- **W.Implement Comprehensive TEL Training for Students**
- V. Foster Partnerships with leading ICT Companies

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