

AN ASSESSMENT OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY – DASMARIÑAS SCHOOLBOOK: A BASIS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING **ENVIRONMENT ADDED FEATURES**

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ABSTRACT

This study entitled "An Assessment of De La Salle University – Dasmariñas Schoolbook: A Basis for Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Added Features" was conducted to assess the De La Salle University - Dasmariñas Schoolbook medium for advanced education in De La Salle University – Dasmariñas. This was to propose a virtual learning environment that is based on the students and faculty assessments. For this study, the researchers used descriptive type of research to assess the schoolbook based from the respondents' utilization of virtual learning environment and experiences. The researchers also used survey method wherein they used a questionnaire that had undergone test for reliability to be able to gather all the necessary data for this study. The expected respondents were selected through convenience sampling for the students and purposive sampling for the faculties. After the gathering of data, the researchers analyzed the data using descriptive statistics.

The data gathered were based from the assessments of respondents in terms of time and resource availability, connection and technological factors, kinds of assessments given, schoolbook features and user – friendliness of the schoolbook. After the gathering, interpretation and analysis of data, the researchers concluded that unlike the students, the faculty respondents did not fully use the schoolbook features because they were not fully exposed and experienced to the developing technology, given their ages and experiences. It was also concluded that, VLEs needed internet to be browsed and used but then, student and faculty respondents experienced connection and technical difficulties when accessing the schoolbook and student respondents experienced these more than the faculty respondents.

In addition, the researchers also concluded that not all subjects were easy to discuss in the schoolbook with insufficient tools and functions displayed. Mathematical tools such as calculator and graphing functions were of help not only for Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering students but also to those who were taking similar subjects.

The researchers recommend that Educational Technology Center (ETC) add schoolbook features that the students and faculty need in schoolbook: enhanced group feature, chat and video conferences, calculator and other similar Mathematical tools and a search toolbar that connects to online search engines like Google. These will not only improve the ambience and the physical attributes of the VLE but also help both the students and the instructors to develop a mutual understanding online, provides good communication and grants faster researches and to create seminars that will also give way to develop a feature in the schoolbook intended only to the concerns or problems of the users of the VLEs.



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