

### THE LTSU TECHNOLOGY ADVOCATE

The Technology Advocate position was created in response to the increasing importance of online learning environments and the need to embed the new digital literacy graduate skill in all USQ programs. The Technology Advocate will:

- promote and showcase the effective use, by staff and students, of USQ learning and teaching systems and digital tools;
- support students in their use of learning technologies;
- assist faculties to reach their targets in the use of learning technologies in courses and programs;
- support face-to-face and online orientations and training sessions;
- create and promote sustainable learning communities and networks to support the use of digital tools.

#### *Adding to the mix of existing services*

The Technology Advocate will add to the mix of following support services:

- ICT service desk
- USQAssist
- LTSU staff and website
- The Learning Centre
- ICT training
- Faculty IT Mentors
- UTrain and UConnect Learning systems
- USQStudyDesk support
- DAIS staff, including Media Services
- Australian Digital Futures Institute

#### *Digital tools and communities of practice*

A major support strategy to showcase and support digital and distributed learning communities is the **Digital Tools for Learning and Teaching Brilliantly** community at: <http://usqstudydesk.usq.edu.au/course/view.php?id=14723>. This community is available to all staff and students and provides help materials, orientation sessions, and links to existing support services. It is also a place to ask questions or share advice and experiences about using USQ's tools.

The **Digital Tools for Learning and Teaching Brilliantly** community contains ready-made resources to which you may either refer students, or you may copy and modified resources for use in course materials. These include:

- USQStudyDesk checklists and guided tour;
- Wimba orientation sessions and support materials;
- ePortfolio orientation sessions and support materials; and
- forums for people to network and post questions and comments about their use of digital tools.

Feel free to contact the Technology Advocate via phone on 46315583, or through the **Digital Tools for Learning and Teaching Brilliantly** community, or via email at: [peter.evans@usq.edu.au](mailto:peter.evans@usq.edu.au).

You may also contact your LTSU Faculty representative. To find your representative please see the 'Contact Us' page on the LTSU website: <http://www.usq.edu.au/learn/learn/learn/learn/contactus>

#### *The core technologies that will be addressed are:*

- Uconnect
- USQStudyDesk and EASE
- Virtual Classrooms (Wimba)
- ePortfolios (Mahara)
- lecture recording & online presentations
- program and interest based communities on USQStudyDesk
- existing Web2.0 environments & tools
- student own digital tools
- other digital support facilities