

## IITG Mid Year Project Report

### Name of Principle Investigator:

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### IITG Project Title (truncated)

2018-Buffalo (UB)-Kerr-Open edX Pilot

#### **1) Please consider the original timeline and deliverable targets. How is your project progressing compared with the original estimates?**

Our project is progressing according to the timeline. We are developing and encouraging multiple courses that may fit into the online format using Open edX within the College or Arts and Sciences and our partner colleges/schools

#### **2) How is spending progressing when compared with the original budget estimates? (You may also choose to detail issues regarding access to funds in the next three questions).**

The original funding will be used to its fullest in order to implement the system on our servers for use by our college and others. We are working with our finance people internally and with other finance individuals at the campus. There has been a personnel change in finance, however we do not anticipate that hindering our progress

#### **3) Please provide feedback regarding your experience with the project execution, in particular any issues or roadblocks you've encountered that may have been unexpected.**

The project management has been steady. The only issue encountered may be the education of others to utilize the system and the magnitude of what this project may become in scale. Educating and developing the materials to detail and promote the project has been helpful and we are continuously modifying these materials as we pilot the project

#### **4) What are your positive observations or pleasant surprises about your team's interaction or project process that might be helpful to other PI's?**

Everyone has been extremely encouraged about the possibilities and collaboration. As stated here, the ideas of how to collaborate have been numerous. Discussing the numerous ideas has been a pleasant surprise and developing a process to prioritize ideas into the most impactful may help in the future

#### **5) Please describe any challenges you've encountered working with your project team that you've found solutions for that might be helpful to other PI's.**

Providing a detailed and comprehensive training on the Open edX platform upfront would have been helpful. Our solution is to continue to research and learn the most effective ways to use the platform