Educational Applications of Social Networking

Recap of C4ward RIPPL3 on April 20th

- The Social Networking C4ward organized a student panel discussion.
- We wanted to explore what students think about using social networking tools such as Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and 'Imiloa in the classroom.
- Five students from various majors participated in the panel moderated by Sheldon Tawata.
- Over a dozen faculty and staff members attended.

Here is what students are saying about Social Networking in Education:

- Students use Facebook, Skype and Tumblr to communicate with friends and family. They choose to use it as a convenient way to express themselves.
- Students would not normally want to “friend” a Professor unless they were close.
- Students would not prefer to use networks like Facebook or Twitter for school assignments.
- In general, the students prefer to use their hawaii.edu email to communicate when school-related. In fact, other than face to face, students prefer using email to communicate with faculty and staff.
- Students think Laulima is good, although some tools are not as dynamic as others.
- 'Imiloa looks great, but wish 'Imiloa and Laulima were linked in some way.