ORGANIZATION OF DISTANCE LEARNING AT UKRAINIAN UNIVERSITIES FROM THE POINT OF STUDENTS VIEW

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Even before recent year, a lot of educational institutions of various forms of distance accreditation, which attracted certain consumers of educational services, were known. Namely – conducting classes in the form of online conferences, automated control, correspondence using online programs for sending materials and information.

However, in the conditions of a sudden quarantine, most traditional higher education institutions in Ukraine and other countries also took this path unplanned and forced [1, p. 42].

A survey was conducted among medical students with the usage of google form designed by authors. The questionnaire asked about organization of the distance learning system in emergency situations.

As a result of the conducted survey, the following data were derived. Here was found that many medical institutions use several platforms to conduct classes in a remote format.

The most popular are Zoom -86.5%, Moodle -73.5% and Google Meet -68.8%. Next are Classroom -32.9%, Teams -2.4%, Skype -1.2%, and regular messengers -1.2% (Figure 1).

But according to students opinions, Google Meet with a score of 50% appeared as the most convenient to learn.

Much less was chosen Moodle -11.2%, Classroom -9.4%, Zoom -2.4%, Teams -2.4%, Skype -0.6%, Discord -2.4%, Classroom -9.4%, Zoom -2.4%, Teams -2.4%, Skype -0.6%, Discord -2.4%. (Figure 2).

The choice of the most acceptable format of education for medical students was distributed as follows: Distance learning -35.3%, Full-time education -29.4%, Mixed form of education -34.7%.

For independent mastering of the topic during distance learning students use mainly electronic versions of textbooks -90%, as well as paper textbooks -58.8%, articles on the Internet -63.5%, lectures of the department -69.4%, public scientific publications -39,4%.

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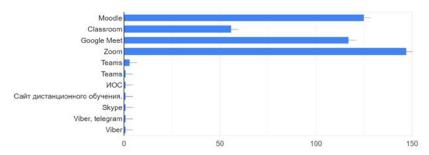


Figure 1. Survey results of used learning platforms

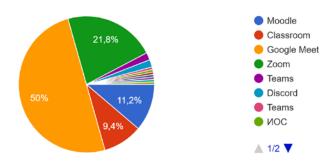


Figure 2. Survey results of preferred learning platforms

It should be noted that the priority of electronic versions of textbooks is not a feature only of the distance form, because they are also used by students during the full-time format of study.

In our opinion, the effectiveness of information perception in the form of distance depends on the psychological characteristics of the student to perceive quickly and efficiently material, technical capabilities of sound, image, and network quality, as well as methods of clear and understandable teaching of material in accordance with the discipline program.

This conclusion is confirmed by the results of the choice of factors that hindered distance learning, namely: Poor sound or image transmission -25.9%, Poor internet connection -41.8%, Absence of face-to-face contact with the teacher -37.6%, The problem of perception of information in electronic form -33.5%, Nothing interfered -26.5%

The lack of face-to-face contact with the teacher also turned out to be a psychological problem for students during the assimilation of new information, and makes up a large percentage of the general factors influencing learning.

At the same time, the productivity of medical students was affected by distance learning as follows: In 20% of percent productivity did not change, 14.1% could not answer the question in 65.9% productivity has changed.

Of these, in 62.2% productivity changed for the better, and in 37.8% it deteriorated. The decrease in productivity is inferior to the improvement of 62.2%, but still has a large percentage of 37.8%.

The most important problem of distance learning is the lack of practice, especially for senior students. The vast majority, 77.6% of students, feel lacked practical skills while studying. And only 22.4% do not feel it.

In general, satisfaction with distance learning is shown by the following results: The quality of education satisfies 61.8% of students, does not satisfy 29.4%, does not satisfy even in full-time education 8.8%.

Obviously, the relations of participants in distance learning are quite different from the classic interactive model of a modern university teacher – student. And as can be seen from the survey, the process of adaptation of students and teachers to distance learning inevitably involved difficulties.

Despite the fact that the productivity of many respondents increased during distance learning, most students did not want to continue distance learning after the end of quarantine. 47.1% of medical students answered this question Yes, but the majority of 52.9% denied.

However, there is no doubt that the face-to-face form of the educational process can combine new learning methods with traditional ones.

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