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**IITG Project Title (truncated)** 2015-Empire State College-Chukhlomin-iMOOC Phase 2 - ESC

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

We are on time planning to re-launch a redesigned, on-demand iMOOC102 by early February 2016. We added animations, they take lots of time, even more than videos. Also, Coursera has changed their platform, we were able to attend their workshop in California in October, this was absolutely great, but the grant work has been a little delayed and now we are catching up. We also devoted September-October to reflection and research, presented at two large international conferences (SLOAN-C and AACE) and got accepted by NAFSA; great in terms of preparation, but also caused some delay.

**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).**

We hadn't planned bringing more people, but we had to (animation, reworking contents to comply with the new Coursera platform). So, we'll have to adjust the budget.

**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.**

See above - we couldn't possibly expect that Coursera would phase out old courses in 2016. So, a very minor adjustment of the course turns out to be a major revision.

**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?**

Having done one IITG grant is very helpful for doing the next one. Our team is basically the same, though we replaced two distantly located folks, too hard to work when the team is in 3 countries and across the globe. Using last year grant's leftovers, we purchased a professional software for animation. I am glad that we did it, now we are converting all our paper-based case studies into animations. Lots of fun and we are hoping for good outcomes in terms of students' engagement.

**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.**

It is helpful to run monthly meetings with agenda items sent out a long time in advance and have each member of the team to speak up. Spending a little on pizza and coffee is productive, not a waste at all.