**CLAIMS**

1. A collaborative learning system comprising:

at least one or more servers communicatively coupled to a plurality of computing devices and a database having a plurality of student profiles, at least some student profiles being associated with one or more groups, the plurality of computing devices interconnected across a network, said plurality of computing devices comprising at least one instructor operable computing device, and a plurality of student operable computing devices;

wherein said instructor operable computing device has a processor configured for generating an instructor interface for receiving instructor selection of one or more options from a plurality of allocation options; wherein the plurality of allocation options comprises:

allocation of student profiles in a group collectively as a group to a common predetermined scheduled learning session;

allocation of student profiles in a group to a specified time range in which a learning session for each student profile may be individually specified;

allocation of student profiles in a group to a specified deadline by which a learning session must be completed,

and wherein the system further includes a plurality of learning guide operable computing devices having a processor configured to generate an interface displaying a plurality of requests for guides by a plurality of students having allocated learning sessions.

2. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein the interface generated by a processor of an instructor operable computing device is further configured to receive input adding selected student profiles not already associated with a group to the group for allocation of a learning session thereto.

3. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein the interface generated by a processor of an instructor operable computing device is further configured to include assignment of at least one or more predefined learning resources for the allocated learning sessions.

4. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein a region of the interface generated by a processor of an instructor operable computing device is configured to receive input from an instructor visible to all student profiles allocated to the learning session.

5. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein the interface is configured to display sessions at a plurality of times for only the sessions which do not have a learning guide preference specified by the student.

6. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein the interface is populated with a plurality of allocated learning sessions having learning guide requests which are released at a predetermined time for selection therefrom.

7. The collaborative learning system according to claim 6 wherein attributes of a learning guide determine which learning sessions of the plurality of allocated learning sessions are visible to that guide.

8. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein once selected by one learning guide, the allocated learning session is removed from display to the plurality of learning guides and is displayed in a calendar view visible only to the selecting guide.

9. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein once selected by one guide the status of the selected allocated learning session is visually differentiated relative to the other allocated learning sessions in the interface viewed by other learning guides.

10. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein following the conclusion of the session and a selection of the same learning guide by the student, the next requested learning sessions for that student are not displayed to the plurality of learning guides.

11. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein data exchanged in an allocated learning session is transmitted between a plurality of student computing devices and a plurality of guide operable devices via the server wherein at least one or more authorised users can select one or more allocated learning sessions from the plurality of allocated learning sessions to receive the data for at least part of the session occurring between the student and learning guide.

12. The collaborative learning system according to claim 11 wherein no notification is provided to either the student computing device or the learning guide's computing device for a selected allocated learning session that the authorised user is receiving data for at least part of that learning session.

13. The collaborative learning system according to claim 11 wherein notification is provided to either the student or the learning guide of a selected session that the authorised user is receiving the data for at least part of that allocated learning session.

14. The collaborative learning system according to claim 11 further comprising providing a communication from the authorised user to either or both the student or learning guide of the selected session wherein said communication is displayed proximal a video feed region or a region for providing access to an audio feed between the student and learning guide either during or after the learning session.

15. The collaborative learning system according to claim 1 wherein said instructor operable computing device has a processor configured for generating a further instructor interface for displaying a plurality of performance metrics for individual student profiles within the group and the group as a whole.

16. A method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions, the method comprising:

generating an instructor interface on an instructor operable computing device; wherein said instructor computing device is communicatively coupled to a server and a database storing at least one association of a plurality of student profiles with one or more groups,

and receiving by said instructor interface, session allocation for student profiles in a group, wherein allocations may be specified by receiving instructor selection of one or more options from a plurality of allocation options; the plurality of allocation options comprising:

(a) collective allocation of each of the student profiles in the group to a common predetermined scheduled learning session; or

(b) allocation to a specified time range in which a learning session for each student profile may be individually specified; and/or

(c) allocation to a specified deadline by which a learning session must be completed,

wherein for (b) or (c) the method further includes displaying on an interface a plurality of requests for guides by a plurality of students having allocated learning sessions for one or more guides.

17. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including assigning via the interface, allocation of at least one additional student profile to a learning session, said at least one student profile not already being associated with the group.

18 The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including assigning via the interface at least one or more predefined learning resources to the allocated learning sessions.

19. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including receiving input from an instructor for display on interfaces of student operable computing devices accessing student profiles allocated to the learning session.

20. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including displaying learning sessions which are allocated to a student profile and which do not include an assigned learning guide.

21. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including displaying to a specific guide only learning sessions for which that specific learning guide has been requested or learning sessions which do not have a learning guide preference specified by the student.

22. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including populating the interface with a plurality of requests for learning sessions which are released at a predetermined time to the plurality of learning guides for selection therefrom.

23. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including displaying a selection of the plurality of sessions according to attributes of a learning guide's profile.

24. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 wherein once selected by one guide a session is removed from display to the plurality of learning guides and is visible only to the selecting learning guide.

25. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 wherein once selected by a guide the status of the selected session is visually differentiated relative to the other sessions in the view to other learning guides.

26. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including displaying a plurality of allocated learning sessions for selection therefrom by at least one or more authorised users for receiving the data for at least part of the selected session occurring between a student operable computing device and a learning guide operable computing device.

27. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 26 further including receiving the data for at least part of the selected session occurring between a student

operable computing device and a learning guide operable computing device with no notification to either or both the learning guide operable computing device and the student operable computing device.

28. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 26 further including receiving the data for at least part of the selected session occurring between a student computing device and a learning guide operable computing device and notifying either or both the learning guide operable computing device and the student operable computing device.

29. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 26 further including providing a communication from the authorised user to either or both the student or learning guide of the selected session wherein said communication is displayed proximal a region showing a video feed or a region providing access to an audio feed between the student and learning guide either during or after the session.

30. The method for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions according to claim 16 further including generating an instructor interface for displaying a plurality of performance metrics for individual student profiles within the group and the group as a whole.

31. A computer program or computer readable product for use in a collaborative learning system, the computer program or computer readable product having instructions executable by the collaborative learning system for generating an interface for allocating a plurality of student profiles associated with one or more groups to at least one or more learning sessions comprising:

generating an instructor interface on an instructor operable computing device; wherein said instructor operable computing device is communicatively coupled to a server and a database storing at least one association of a plurality of student profiles with one or more groups,

receiving by said instructor interface, session allocation for student profiles in a group, wherein allocations may be specified by receiving instructor selection of one or more options from a plurality of allocation options; the plurality of allocation options comprising:

(a) collective allocation of each of the student profiles in the group to a common predetermined scheduled learning session; or

(b) allocation to a specified time range in which a learning session for each student profile may be individually specified; and/or (c) allocation to a specified deadline by which a learning session must be completed

wherein for (b) or (c) the computer program or computer readable product includes instructions executable by the collaborative learning system for displaying on an interface a plurality of requests for guides by a plurality of students having allocated learning sessions for one or more guides.