LearningManagementDesiredFeaturesForums

New desired features for forums (for educatioanl use)

*("**desired**" for Tiki; or, in case there is some integration of moodle -or similar LMS- with Tiki, then redirect those "desires" to the LMS software bundled with Tiki for Edu).*

As always, those features should incorporate the chance to be toggled on or off at the admin forum settings (on a "per forum" basis). And they should be linked to the requested gradebook feature.

- Add the chance to allow to categorize a users' own contributions into a forum, from a pedagogical point of view. I.e., select from a drop down box the type of contribution in a forum which I make as a user posting:
  - "new idea", "I agree", "new point of view for the same idea", "Summary of previous ideas (synthesis)", "Consequences from a previously posted idea", "new theory", ...

- Add the chance for the teacher to grade the contributions to a forum, with the same type of system as the "voting posts" feature (just one click on the right number and done.
  - the range of possibilities for a grade should not be fixed to a 1 to 5 (for instance), but should be selectable for the teacher (1 to 3, 1 to 5, 1 to 10, ...).
  - This grading by the teacher should include also non-numerical items, if toggled on on admin settings, to allow the teacher to add some extra labels for the type of contribution of the student: "post with repeated information with previous posts", "excelent idea", "lacks correct syntax or grammar", ...
  - As far as I recently heard in a conference, **Knowledge Forum (c)** seems to be a reference (propietary software, though) which already has this kind-of-feature included in their software, among others (I could just see a demo on a conference, - Xavi -).

- Add some **analyses tools**, to include the ability to summarize the contributions to a/some forum/s, on a per-student and per-forum basis, to ease the task of grading users contributions at the end of the term.
  - The type of contribution selected by the user at posting-time should be optionally validated by teacher or other users with appropiate permissions, at any time. And they will help the task of automatically pre-analizing user's contributions to that/those forum/s.