FACULTY AND STAFF: A HARMONIOUS PARTNERSHIP FOR **ONLINE LEARNING'S** FUTURE

PRESENTERS ...

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller



@Steele Thoughts

OUR UMBRELLA THEME ...

Effective Feedback:

Providing Receiving Implementing



COMMUNICATION

The "Who"



COMMUNICATION The Supervisor

Providing Feedback

- Set the tone
- Maintain a virtual "open door"
- Do not assume you are visible
- Maintain transparency
- Provide clarity
- Consider words and tone
- Provide and receive communication
- Consider all options of communication



COMMUNICATION The Instructor

Receiving Feedback

- Feedback is an opportunity to improve
- Improve teaching efforts
- Have an open mind



CRITIQUE AND COACHING ACTIVITY

Request for an Impromptu Phone Conversation



Is this an effective message?

Why or Why Not?

CRITIQUE AND COACHING ACTIVITY

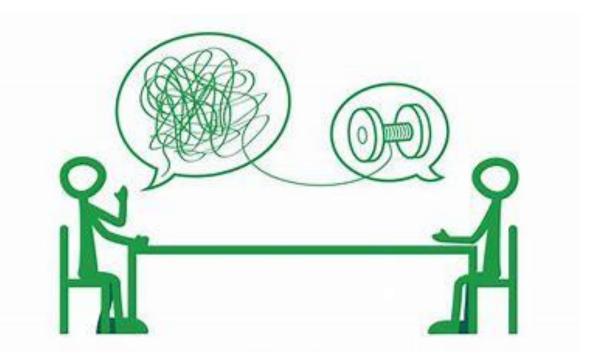
Is this more effective?

Why or Why Not?



CRITIQUE AND COACHING

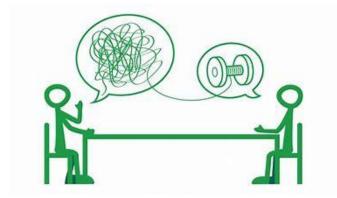
The "What" and "How"



CRITIQUE AND COACHING The Instructor

Receiving Feedback

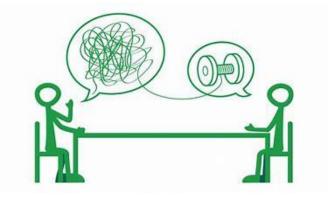
- Always incorporate feedback
- Realize the experience of your supervisor
 - Adept at guiding
 - Has taught
 - Aware of school policies



CRITIQUE AND COACHING The Supervisor

Providing Feedback

- 'Research' before reaching out
- Use empathy in coaching
- Be motivational, positive, encouraging
- Ensure feedback is impactful and effective
- Provide coaching in manageable chunks
- Set expectations and deadlines



Initial Instructor response to supervisor feedback

Is this an effective message?

Why or Why Not?

Kathy ...

I have received your feedback, and it will be implemented as soon as possible. To be honest, I don't think your comment about my Discussion postings was a fair one, as you never previously indicated anything was wrong. I have used my several years' experience of teaching online to be sure my students have the type of input needed to understand how to get a good grade in Discussion. As always, I appreciate what you said.

Errol

Initial Response: What's Not Working

- Cold tone
- Vague on implementation of feedback
- Response based on not receiving negative feedback on the same item
- Uses experience as backdrop for performance
- No request to further discuss the feedback

Revised Instructor response to supervisor feedback

Is this more effective?

Why or Why Not?

Dear Kathy ...

Thanks so much for my latest round of feedback – as always, it is greatly appreciated! Certainly, I will start implementing your comments on my Discussion postings immediately, and just to be sure I'm going in the right direction perhaps you could peek in later and let me know? I want to be sure all my efforts match what you and the institution require and appreciate! This will not only result in what I believe will be better student postings but also long-term learning for their lives beyond school. As always, I appreciate what you said – thanks again! Sincerely,

Errol

Revised Response: What's Working

- Friendly and appreciative tone
- Specific on implementation of feedback
- No mention of previous feedback
- Makes point of always wanting to match school guidelines, etc.
- Requests supervisor check class to be assured feedback is being properly implemented
- Indicates importance of feedback for students in class and beyond

RATIONALE AND REASONING

The "Why"



RATIONALE AND REASONING The Supervisor

Providing Feedback

- Use finesse
- Ask for instructor understanding, opinion
- Respect rationale
- Provide reason for requested change
- Meet instructors where they are
- Utilize multiple communication sources



RATIONALE AND REASONING The Instructor

Receiving Feedback

- Ask for clarification, explanation
- Consider initial reaction before responding
- Voice-to-voice communication is imperative
- Realize the 'negatives' of not communicating



TIMELINESS ACTIVITY

Sense of Urgency: Supervisor & Instructor





Kathy Embry Unit 3 and Unit 5 grade feedback

Cc Kathy Embry

This message was sent with High importance.

Hi

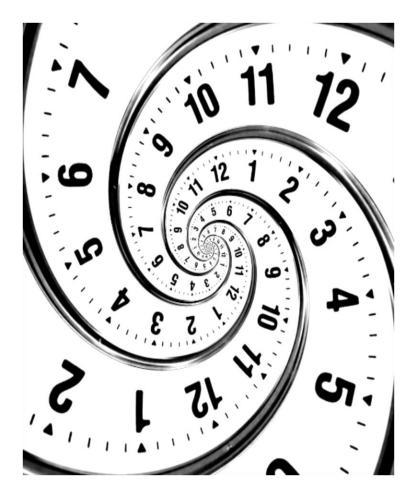
I was verifying that the Incomplete grade was updated – *thank you* – when I noticed the comments you placed in the classroom for . Thinking it was because was receiving the incomplete for her ADA status, I checked other students who earned a zero grade and found the same message.

I have 3 concerns – 1) Unit 3 and Unit 5 are not journal assignments as verified by the assignment details and rubric, 2) you are telling students that they can still submit the work beyond the Unit deadline for Unit 5, which they cannot – if students actually read the feedback, this will cause problems, and 3) I see the same feedback when I checked grade feedback from at least the last two sessions (1901B and 1901A).

I am making an assumption that you did a copy/paste yet did not conduct a quality check on the feedback language. Please correct this for current and future sessions. Attention to detail is extremely important and I urge you to verify anything that you copy/paste from session to session and Unit to Unit. We'll talk more when we meet next.

TIMELINESS

The "When"



TIMELINESS

The Instructor

Receiving Feedback

- Incorporate feedback immediately
- Ask for deadline for implementation
- Not all feedback will be 100% impactful
- Keep record of feedback



TIMELINESS

The Supervisor

Providing Feedback

- Ask for immediate implementation, as necessary
- Provide due date for recommended changes
- Allow opportunity for change to be implemented
- Follow-up within appropriate timeframe
- Refer to previous coaching & feedback
- Take the 'wins' where you can get them



FINAL THOUGHTS...

Effective Feedback:

Providing Receiving Implementing



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