

PRE WORKSHOP SURVEY FOR: February 4, 2014
Collaborating with Strangers Workshop for Internationalization

Prior to the February 4, 2014 Internationalization CoLAB, a pre workshop survey was conducted and a total of 39 questionnaires were retrieved which are analyzed below.

Survey Questions (Q1-Q3)

Question 1.1) Face to face conversation with others I don't know.

When participants were asked to rate their comfort level with respect to face to face conversation with others they don't know, 33.3 percent of the participants marked "strongly agree" 48.7 percent of the participants marked "Agree", 10.3 percent of the participants marked "Neutral", 5.1 percent of the participant marked "Disagree" and 2.6 percent of the participants marked "Strongly Disagree". The results are shown in Table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13 (33.3%)	19 (48.7%)	4 (10.3%)	2 (5.1%)	1 (2.6%)

Question 1.2) Talking to "strangers" with interest, knowledge and skills different from my own.

When participants were asked to rate their comfort level with respect to talking to "strangers" with interest, knowledge and skills different from their own, 33.3 percent of participants marked "Strongly Agree", 46.2 percent of the participants marked "Agree", 17.9 percent of the participants marked "Neutral" and 2.6 percent of the participants marked "Disagree" while no participant marked "Strongly Disagree". The results are shown in Table 1.2.

TABLE 1.2

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13 (33.3%)	18 (46.2%)	7 (17.9%)	1 (2.6%)	0 (0.00%)

(Question 2) In a Month, on average, with how many “strangers” do you have conversation about?

- ***Question 2.1 “Research”***

When participants were asked to provide, on the average, the number of strangers they have conversation with about research, 35.9 percent of the participants indicated “none (0)”, 41 percent of the participants indicated “1-2 strangers”, 12.8 percent of the participants indicated “3-4” and 10.3 percent of the participants indicated 5+ strangers”. The results are shown in Table 2.1

TABLE 2.1

0	1-2	3-4	5+
14 (35.9%)	16 (41%)	5 (12.8%)	4 (10.3%)

- ***Question 2.2 “Class assignments/projects”***

When participants were asked to provide, on the average, the number of strangers they have conversation with about class assignments/projects, 10.3 percent of the participants indicated “none (0)”, 38.5 percent of the participants indicated “1-2 strangers” 30.8 percent of the participants indicated “3-4 strangers” while 20.5 percent of the participants indicated 5+ strangers”. The results are shown in Table 2.2.

TABLE 2.2

0	1-2	3-4	5+
4 (10.3%)	15 (38.5%)	12 (30.8%)	8 (20.5%)

- ***Question 2.3 Career goals/mentoring***

When participants were asked to provide, on the average, the number of strangers they have conversation with about career goals/mentoring, 10.3 percent of the participants indicated “none (0)”, 41 percent of the participants indicated “1-2 strangers” 20.5 percent of the participants indicated “3-4 strangers” while 28.2 percent of the participants indicated 5+ strangers”. The results are shown in Table 2.3.

TABLE 2.3

0	1-2	3-4	5+
4 (10.3%)	16 (41%)	8 (20.5%)	11 (28.2%)

- **Question 2.4 Professional passions (topics, issues that are important to you)**

When participants were asked to provide, on the average, the number of strangers they have conversation with about professional passions, 12.8 percent of the participants indicated “none (0)”, 28.2 percent of the participants indicated “1-2 strangers” 23.1 percent of the participants indicated “3-4 strangers” while 35.9 percent of the participants indicated 5+ strangers”. The results are shown in Table 2.4.

TABLE 2.4

0	1-2	3-4	5+
5 (12.8%)	11 (28.2%)	9 (23.1%)	14 (35.9%)

- **Question 2.5 Projects or events**

When participants were asked to provide, on the average, the number of strangers they have conversation with about projects or events, no participants indicated “none (0)”, 33.3 percent of the participants indicated “1-2 strangers” 41 percent of the participants indicated “3-4 strangers” while 25.6 percent of the participants indicated 5+ strangers”. The results are shown in Table 2.5.

TABLE 2.3

0	1-2	3-4	5+
0 (0.00%)	13 (33.3%)	16 (41%)	10 (25.6%)

(Question 3) Other comments on your experiences having conversations with “strangers” in general:

This question required participants to formulate an open-ended response regarding their experiences on having conversation with strangers. The complete list of specific responses is included in the Appendix. 30.7 percent of participants gave a positive response, 10.3 percent of the participants gave a mixed response, 2.5 percent of participants gave a negative response, while 56.4 percent of the participants did not answer the question. The results are shown in Table 3 below.

TABLE 3

Positive	Mixed	Negative	No Response
12 (30.7%)	4 (10.3%)	1 (2.5%)	22 (56.4%)

Appendix

Positive Responses

- I work in place I need to interact with a lot of strangers, I feel comfortable when talking to strangers.
- People love to talk about themselves, so I ask about them.
- If the other person is interested in responding to your questions and asking their own, it's much easier.
- I enjoy people and talking/conversing, so I have no anxiety doing so with strangers.
- I like meeting with new people.
- I'm very comfortable conversing with people I don't know, ideally if there is some common ground.
- I am an outspoken person and I don't have problems talking to and meeting with "strangers".
- I feel comfortable talking to strangers about exciting things such as pop culture, International events.
- Networking with professionals in the public relations field.
- I'm usually the one out of my friends who has to do the talking to strangers.
- It's a magic way to explore life.
- I feel comfortable talking to strangers about general but I don't really tend to talk about my public relations studies/activities.

Mixed Responses

- Easier for me in professional settings as opposed to social.
- Everyone is so different that interacting with other often varies greatly. Personalities, moods, backgrounds etc, all play a role in conversation with strangers.
- I start off by feeling a little uncomfortable but warm up to people I find things in common with.
- In some perspective it is exciting to know about new people and build relationships. However, it takes a little more time to talk serious things about me.

Negative Response

- I am very uncomfortable in groups of strangers but okay with one-on-one interactions.

**Collaborating with Strangers Workshop for Internationalization
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A CoLAB was conducted on Internationalization. The CoLAB included presentations on collaboration, followed by one-on-one 3-minute speed-meetings before posting ideas and thoughts, and the creation of a book. Below is the evaluation of the February 4th CoLAB. There are 38 participants in the CoLAB that include 23 undergraduate students, 14 graduate students and 1 other.

Survey Questions (Q1-Q10)

(Question 1) Overall Evaluation of CoLAB

When participants were asked to provide an overall evaluation of the CoLAB, 34.2 percent of participants gave “Excellent” evaluation, 52.6 percent of participants gave “Good” evaluation, 2.6 percent of participants gave “Fair” evaluation no participant gave “Poor” evaluation but 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Response
13 (34.2%)	20 (52.6%)	1 (2.6%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (10.5%)

(Question 2) Would you attend a workshop like this again?

When participants were asked whether they would attend a workshop like this again, 60.5 percent of the participants said “Yes” while 28.9 percent of the participants said “No” but 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Yes	No	No Response
23 (60.5%)	11 (28.9%)	4 (10.5%)

(Question 3) Would you recommend this collaboration process to other students/faculty?

When participants were asked whether they would recommend the CoLAB process to other students and faculty, 78.9 percent of the participants said “Yes” while 10.5 percent of the participants said “No” but 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

Yes	No	No Response
30 (78.9%)	4 (10.5%)	4 (10.5%)

(Question 4) Has this experience helped you realize the value of speaking to people you do not know about their assets, skills and passion?

When participants were asked whether the experience has helped them realized the value of speaking to people whose assets, skills and passion are unknown to them, 81.6 percent of the participants said “Yes” while 7.9 percent of the participants said “No” but 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4

Yes	No	No Response
31 (81.6%)	3 (7.9%)	4 (10.5%)

(Question 5) CoLAB Workshop Results

Questions 5.1-5.3 are 5-point Likert scale questions in which participants are asked to evaluate personal outcomes related to the workshop. Options range from “Strongly Agree” to “Strongly Disagree”. The results of these questions are described below.

(Question 5.1) I feel more confident in my ability to approach people I don’t know.

When participants were given this statement, 21.1 percent of the participants marked “Strongly Agree”, 55.3 percent of the participants marked “Agree”, 7.9 percent of the participants marked “Neutral” while 2.6 percent of the participant marked “Disagree and Strongly Disagree but 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 5.1.

TABLE 5.1

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response
8 (21.1%)	21 (55.3%)	3 (7.9%)	1 (2.6%)	1 (2.6%)	4 (10.5%)

Question 5.2) I am more comfortable with people in other disciplines.

When participants were given this statement, 28.9 percent of participants marked “Strongly Agree”, 44.7 percent of the participants marked “Agree”, 10.5 percent of the participants marked “Neutral”, 5.3 percent of the participants marked “Disagree”,. No participant marked “Strongly Disagree” while 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 5.2.

TABLE 5.2

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response
11 (28.9%)	17 (44.7%)	4 (10.5%)	2 (5.3%)	0 (0.00%)	4 (10.5%)

Question 5.3) if applicable, I am more comfortable talking to “strangers” in different positions in their academic or professional careers.

When participants were given this statement, 23.7 percent of participants marked “Strongly Agree”, 44.7 percent of the participants marked “Agree”, 15.8 percent of the participants marked “Neutral” while 2.6 percent of the participants marked “Disagree and Strongly Disagree” but 10.5 percent of the participants did not respond. The results are shown in Table 5.3.

TABLE 5.3

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Response
9 (23.7%)	17 (44.7%)	6 (15.8%)	1 (2.6%)	1 (2.6%)	4 (10.5%)

(Question 6) Did the CoLAB facilitation process help you access new resources, knowledge, and/or grantseeking information? If so, describe.

This question required participants to formulate an open-ended response with respect to the above posted question. The complete list of specific responses is included in the Appendix 6. 47.4 percent of participants gave a positive response, 7.9 percent of the participants gave a mixed

response, 2.6 percent of participants gave a negative response, and 42.1 percent of the participants did not answer the question. The results are shown in Table 6.

TABLE 6

Positive	Mixed	Negative	No Response
18 (47.4%)	3 (7.9%)	1 (2.6%)	16 (42.1%)

Question 7) What was the most useful part of the workshop and why?

This question required participants to formulate an open-ended response with respect to the most useful part of the workshop and why. The complete list of specific responses is included in the Appendix 7. 60.5 percent of participants said interacting with others was the most useful part of the workshop, 7.9 percent of participants offered various responses, and 31.6 percent of participants did not respond to the question. The results are shown in Table 7.

TABLE 7

Interaction	Other Responses	No Response
23 (60.5%)	3 (7.9%)	12 (31.6%)

Question 8) What surprised you about the speed meeting process ?

This question required participants to formulate an open-ended response with respect to the above posted question. The complete list of specific responses is included in Appendix 8. 21.05 percent of the participants each interacting with other participants actually surprised them, 21.05 percent of the participants also make reference to the timing/speed to be “Too Short” moreover, 21.05 percent of the participants were surprised that it was” Simple and Easy” while the same proportion of the participants gave” other responses” and 15.8 percent of the participants did not respond to the question. The results are shown in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Interaction	Too Short	Simple and Easy	Other Responses	No Response
8 (21.05%)	8 (21.05%)	8 (21.05%)	8 (21.05%)	6 (15.8%)

Question 9) During the presentation, what information was most useful and/or interesting?

This question required participants to formulate an open-ended response with respect to the most interesting or useful information during the presentation. The complete list of specific responses is included in Appendix 9. 7.9 percent of the participants said they find the “interaction” part very interesting, 15.8 percent of participants said they find the relationship between the “3cs (cooperating, coordinating and collaborating)” very interesting while 18.4 percent of the participants provide “other responses” and 18.4 percent of participants did not respond to the question. The results are shown in Table 9.

TABLE 9

Interaction	3cs	Others	No Response
3 (7.9%)	6 (15.8%)	7 (18.4%)	22 (57.9%)

Question 10) would you be willing to participate in a 20 minute follow-up interview in the next 2-3 months?

This question required participants to respond to a Likert scale (yes/no) question with respect to their willingness in participating in a 20 minutes follow-up interview within the next 2-3 months. Further instruction was that participants who give affirmative responses should provide their email addresses. The complete list of email addresses provided is included in Appendix 10. Responding to this item, 36.8 percent of participants said “yes”, 44.7 percent of participants said “No” and 18.4 percent of participants did not respond to the question. The results are shown in Table 10.

TABLE 10

Yes	No	No Response
14 (36.8%)	17 (44.7%)	7 (18.4%)

Appendices

Appendix 6

Positive responses

- Yes, I gained great perspectives from grad students.
- Yes, the CoLAB has helped my understanding.
- Yes, it helped me learn about the diverse perspectives of students in my class.
- Yes, I got the information I need for improving my background.
- Yes, I feel that talking to those people led me to learn about things I don’t know.

- Yes, lots of contacts.
- Yes, I found a woman who will be a good primary resource for my campaign's project.
- Yes, one student provided a connection to further my research.
- Yes, one student told me about a possible fellowship opportunity.
- Yes, knowledge, other participants offered interesting perspectives.
- Yes, I learned most about the transition process for an international student.
- Yes, this process led me to know about America better and give me more aspiration.
- Yes, knowledge about cooperation and collaboration.
- Yes
- Yes, it helped me realize what other resources (club, courses, organizations) at UF that I found really interesting.
- Yes, seeing other people interests is easy to talk about.
- Yes, insights into international students preview experience.
- Yes, I got a lot information from the "why questions" also get more ideas about personal development.

Mixed responses

- Not really, because I was mostly observing.
- Not really.
- It would have been more applicable if I were a graduate student or had a connection to research.

Negative responses

- No

Appendix 7 Interaction.

- Meeting people.
- The Proverb "If you want to go far, go together" is really instructive.
- I got to see what other people in my major wants to do after graduation.
- Insights from fellow students.
- I think I can get at least 3 people to be expected as my future friend.
- Getting to speed with strangers.
- Getting comfortable talking to strangers.

- Learning the varying interest of others and other resources at UF. Improving my people skills.
- Being able to speak with professors.
- The talking process.
- The most useful point is to talk to people with my opinions or plans because share with other people is so exciting.
- The most useful part was meeting international students.
- Seeing how passionate everyone was about their accomplishments.
- Forcing myself to talk to strangers and ask questions.
- It seems that the conversations were very fruitful for the students.
- Feeling more comfortable talking to people of higher academic ranks.
- Meeting people and making connections.
- Learning that other people...
- Speeding meeting. Big volume of information.
- Talking to so many people-it was interesting to know how many different experiences are in a relatively small group of people.
- Hearing different perspectives on the same issues.
- Increase communication skills with more people.
- Asking the people helped my understanding.

Others responses

- 3 whitewas perfect...
- The signs we have to wear. It helped uncover interesting topics.
- Talking about my assets and understanding that way of thinking.

Appendix 8

Interaction.

- Knew a lot of people.
- People have some really unique interest and fields of study.
- People being excited
- The different interest of the people I met.
- I could obtain information from the people I don't know.
- How appreciable everyone was.
- It was nice to see people of the same passion for communication as I do.
- People are so nice and I am more brave than I had thought.

Too Short

- How quickly 3 minutes goes by.
- Too fast; 3 minutes is not enough for me.
- It flies by.
- How quick and easy it was.
- Too short.
- How fast 3 minutes went by and what information people asked about.
- How quickly 3 minutes goes by.
- Chi-chat went by very quickly, often taking the whole 3 minutes.

Simple and easy

- How much easier it got with my time.
- I was very comfortable.
- How it got easier
- How easy it was.
- How easy it would be and how much I learned about others.
- It was easy to find things to talk about because of the list.
- How easy it was to talk to different people.
- Conversation flowed easily the more people I met with.

Other responses

- Difficulty of not engaging in “small talk”
- How engaged people were.
- Nothing really.
- How many things I had in common with strangers.
- Many people have drastically different life experiences.
- Everyone has a dream.
- Everyone was ...
- How often we were looking to solve similar challenges.

Appendix 9

Interaction

- Students’ plans and their experiences are most interesting.
- The different way we relate with others.
- Something people don’t know about me.

Collaborating, cooperating and coordinating (3 cs)

- Difference between collaboration and coordination
- That collaborating is better to go farther.
- Differences in relationships between collaborating, cooperating and coordinating.
- The 3 c's and the level of commitment for each.
- Cooperation, collaboration and coordination.
- Difference between cooperating and collaborating.

Others

- The proverb
- Tips to enhance creativity.
- The videos are the most interesting.
- How it was developed.
- The goals being laid on.
- Assets based development –never heard of it.
- Information about research projects.

Appendix 10

Yes

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