

COUNSELING PROGRAM

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TO: Students of Ecological Counseling Seminar II (Group and Organization with PBL)
FR: Dr. Conyne, Instructor
RE: Project
DATE: February 15, 2005

Dear Students:

I appreciated your team's oral presentation of work you have done to date, on February 10. It looks like you are moving in a very positive direction! The Forging Partnerships and Relationships goal area of UC/21 holds some real possibilities for the Counseling Program.

The main purpose of this letter is to focus your attention on the concept, "feasible plan," that was contained in my January 12 letter to you. As you conduct your individual and team-based work in moving to your final product, it is important to keep feasibility in mind. Given the direction of UC/21 you are addressing and with respect to the Alignment report of the Counseling Program (see the revised version I put on our Blackboard [Bb] area last week), what can be a focused and realistic strategy for the Program to consider taking, as well as one that can make a positive difference? How does feasibility relate to the content, form, and process of your work? For example, it would be unlikely that the Program could pursue all the ideas and approaches being considered. Priority may need to be established, using meaningful criteria, and then consideration needs to be given to how suggested direction(s) might be accomplished.

In addition, with regard to team functioning, often busy team members find it a difficult challenge to identify and hold to meeting times. This seems to be a particular, and lingering, problem you need to solve. As you are aware, one major purpose Bb is to assist with sharing information at a distance, and I encourage you to incorporate Bb into your deliberations and your work. As a matter of fact, in order to function in today's

human service and educational worlds, competency in such electronic learning systems is becoming a necessary pre-requisite.

Finally, I look forward to the informal “pizza gathering” tomorrow for the first hour of our meeting! This kind of activity also can help a team in moving forward and maintaining itself.

Sincerely,

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