

Expressions of Explicit Gratitude in TLI Partnerships

STUDENT CONSULTANT AND FACULTY PARTNER RELATIONSHIP

“Just wanted to say thanks for your great work on getting our little partnership this semester off to a good start. I’m looking forward to seeing its full fruition in the next few weeks.”

“Nice work so far - I think it will provide a great opportunity for students to give feedback however you decide to alter this upcoming class. Good luck in the final week and thank you again for the opportunity to be a part of your classroom this semester. I really enjoyed working with you and getting to know your students.”

“Really fun class yesterday. I just wanted to say thanks for coming into this class with such a positive attitude and being willing to have fun while engaging the material. It makes a huge difference and makes it a pleasure to teach.”

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PROFESSORS

“Thanks for that reflect-back, though I know that wasn’t your intention--you definitely articulated some of my experience and highlighted some of where I’d like to move that class--might be interesting to talk with you further about this at some point. Meanwhile, best wishes for the last piece of our break!”

“Just wanted to thank you for meeting with me this afternoon. I have a better (and clearer!) idea of how to go about this paper. Thank you for your patience and insights while working that through with me.”

“No problem. This assignment and class are new for me as well and it’s helpful to navigate these questions together.”

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER STUDENT CONSULTANTS

“Thanks for talking things through after the meeting - it was helpful to vent for a bit and I really appreciated your suggestions for moving forward. Keep me posted on how everything

“I know you were not necessarily expecting to speak about your experience as consultants at the TLI Celebration, but I am grateful that you did. I have heard from several students how inspired they were by what you said, so thanks for putting your thoughts and feelings out there!”

“Thanks so much for sending that peice you found in your transcriptions of the student consultant meetings - it’s helping me articulate something I was describing about the element of trust in TLI partnerships. So glad you found this and cool to see it emerge as a real theme in the program. Thanks for thinking of me!”

RELATIONSHIP WITH ALISON

“I am really impressed with your work and ability to conceptualize and frame the work of the TLI in such interesting and new ways. I feel like I always learn something different from each of the articles you write. Thanks so much for letting me be a part of the editing process.”

“Thanks for these helpful comments, I am so glad you learn something each time you read one of my articles. I learn something each time I wrote one, taught by all of you (as this article attempts to make quite explicit), so we are having parallel (and layered!!!) experiences!”

“I just wanted to let you know that my meeting today with my professor in regard to the midcourse feedback went really well. She was very receptive and open to revising the final assignments. I also wanted to relay to you that she made a point of saying how helpful this experience has been and is in fact looking forward to bringing the feedback to the class and discussing it further. Thanks so much for you help in thinking through how to present this information to her.”

RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLEAGUES AND SUPERVISORS

“That was fantastic. It was so great to see you in your element and your students in theirs - thanks so much for sharing that with me. I know how hard you worked on this and hope you get the chance to step back and enjoy all that you all accomplished today!”

“We really appreciate all the support we got from our colleagues who came to practice presentations; we received some really good feedback on how to improve them and this afternoon was a great success. Thanks again!”

“Thanks so much for being another set of eyes on this - feeling much better about sending it off now! Looking forward to seeing how this all comes together and turns out. It’s finally getting there!”

“Thank you for your questions - if teaching and problem solving with smart people everyday were the only part of my job, I’d be delighted. Unfortunately it’s just 90%. The other 10% is writing emails!”

“Thank you too for being such a wonderful faculty partner. I genuinely look forward to our meetings and your class on Wednesday’s and have really appreciated your openness, generative ideas, and sense of humor throughout the semester so far.”

“This email was clearly more for me than you haha, but thanks for giving me a reason to reflect! It’s helpful to have a partner in this!”