

EDC Small Grant Midterm Report

Title of Project: Rapport Building in Educational Development Amount: \$1,000.00

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Overview of the project:

The goals of this project are:

1. To review best practices, literature and theory for rapport building and developing skills related to rapport building
2. To build a free resource about Rapport Building in Educational Development (modeled on the Green Guides) grounded in interview data, the review, and professional perspectives with sections writing by educational developers from multiple institutional contexts (e.g., colleges, embedded discipline-specific positions).

Progress toward stated goals of the project at the midterm point:

- The \$1000 in funding was spent hiring an RA to assist with summarizing the results of the interviews and analyses to provide material to be used by chapter authors. The task of coordinating chapter authors initially proposed within the 45 hours fell to Kim and I.
- Substantial literature review completed.
- We have 5 colleagues co-writing core chapters with Kim or myself focusing on the core interview questions of why build rapport, how build, changes over career and how to mentor. An additional 6 colleagues are collaborating authors writing chapters individually or with another colleague on topics such as groups, working in departments and connection with institutional reputation, and specific settings such as college, embedded positions, and tech. There is the possibility of an additional chapter on navigating/drawing on disciplines. We are excited to have 10 EDC colleagues (and one faculty member) joining Kim and I to write this guide spanning coast-to-coast.

Barriers/challenges encountered and plans for problem-solving:

The challenges were around the shifting timeline. Initially the plan was to complete the literature review and authors coordination stages in summer 2014 with funding when we applied in the spring. Funding was received in September. The timeline shifted due to teaching and work schedules. In addition, the initial goal was to have a resource for this 2016 spring or summer; however the created “resource” will now be part of a new series through the EDC resulting in shifted timelines and design plans to align with the portfolio resource being created. To meet the goal of a quality resource, the timeline was again adjusted in May 2015 to accommodate schedules of collaborators across the country and full synthesis of the rich literature and interview quotes. EDC (February) 2017 is the new goal for the rapport building resource.

Next Steps:

Writing – on going until Spring 2016
Internal peer-review among authors and revisions Spring & Summer 2016
External review mid Fall
Formatting late Fall
(aim) Published for EDC 2017

Conference Presentations and/or publications based on the project, to date or planned

Once written and internally reviewed, we plan to have the rapport building resource externally reviewed and (hopefully) published as part of the EDC's guide series for EDC 2017.