



[Researcher names and institution names will need to be modified to suit your context]

Focus Group Schedule for Students – Phase 3

A: GIVE INTRODUCTION

NOTE: Full introduction and instructions for running the focus group session are on the following page.

B: QUESTIONS

1. What effect does the co-construction and use of rubrics have on student learning?
2. What are the advantages of students being involved in the co-construction of a rubric?
3. Do you think there are any disadvantages of students' involvement in the co-construction of a rubric?
4. Do you think there are any benefits for the lecturer involving students in a rubric co-construction process?
5. What do you feel you personally contributed to the rubric co-construction process?
6. Do you see value in collaboration between students and lecturers?
7. Has the rubric co-construction process changed the way you think about rubrics?
8. Was the use of the rubric more meaningful to you because of your time spent in the rubric co-construction group?
9. What about the rubric co-construction process might you recommend?
10. What about the rubric co-construction process might you change?
11. Any other observations?

C: THANK YOU

Thank you for adding your voice to this focus group on the co-construction of rubrics. Your input to this research is invaluable.

Instructions for focus group/interviews facilitators

The purpose of the focus group is to provide further clarification of issues identified from the questionnaire just completed, and to reflect on student responses. It also allows for the raising of issues or ideas not identified in the questionnaires. Therefore, in addition to the questions provided, the lecturer may wish to add some questions of his/her own.

Introduction to focus group discussion

Thanks for joining our focus group discussion today.

[Ensure staff all have copies of the information statement and have already signed a consent form before the focus group discussion begins.]

[Clarify that staff have understood the purpose of the research, have a copy of the Information Statement.]

During our discussion, I'll ask you a few questions about the rubric co-construction process.

[Explain that the discussion will be audio recorded but future transcriptions of the discussion will not include participants' actual names.]

This focus group discussion today should take from 30 minutes to an hour. Throughout this discussion, please feel free to stop me and ask me to repeat or clarify any of the questions.

Conclusion to the focus group

Thank you for your contribution to the focus group discussion today. Your contributions to this study will help your lecturers to understand how effective rubric co-construction, use and moderation are. You will soon be emailed a letter of acknowledgement for your contribution to this research project. So we can send you the letter, please ensure you have provided your preferred email address.

Questions

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