



Constructivist Tuning Protocol

Developed in the field by educators affiliated with NSRF.

Conducting a Constructivist Tuning Protocol for Examining Student Work

1. Introduction

Facilitator briefly introduces protocol goals, norms, and agenda. (3 minutes)

2. Presentation

The presenter has 10 minutes to present the student's work to the participants. Place the work in context in regards to the course, the assignment, and the student. Be sure to present the "essential qualities" your students are working towards. Allow time for participants to assess the student's work. No interruptions or questions are allowed, just listening and note taking by the participants. (10 minutes)

3. Clarifying questions (3 minutes)

4. Reflection

Participants take a few minutes to review notes and to reflect on what feedback they can give that would be most helpful to the presenter. (5 minutes)

5. Warm Feedback

Participants share the evidence they found of the "essential qualities" present in the work. Presenter may only listen and take notes while participants talk. (5 minutes)

6. Cool Feedback

Participants share questions that arise addressing the lack of evidence of "essential qualities" in the student's work. Suggestions for constructive feedback to the student are appropriate. Presenter may only listen and take notes while participants talk. (5 minutes)

7. Review Feedback

Presenter takes a few minutes to review the feedback and to consider their response. (2-3 minutes)

8. Presenter's Response

Presenter responds to those comments and questions that they choose to. Participants are silent. (5 minutes)

9. Debriefing

Talk about the process of tuning the presentation. What frustrations or positive reactions were experienced? What applications might there be for student peer or self-assessment? (5-10 minutes)