

As I promised, I provide here a “hard copy” of ideas shared by our participants.

**Unsorted responses to prompt:**

**“What do you think is most important in your relationship to your students?”**

- Interaction with students
- Mutual respect in order to facilitate dialogue
- Honesty and mutual respect
- Communication and Respect
- Being approachable and not too “cerebral”
- Just act as a mentor and facilitator
- Be a facilitator of students’ learning
- Trust and mutual respect
- Understanding the perception of the student is the most important factor
- They should be comfortable with me
- Mutual respect and trust
- Being accessible
- I must be authentic
- Comfort level because you want dialogue
- Clear communication between both (teacher and student)
- Respect the students and truly want to help them succeed in the course
- Establishing an open and friendly classroom for student learning

**Unsorted refinements of the issues in a statement of philosophy:**

- A clear understanding of “the rules” is important to facilitate the teaching-learning process.
- The first duty of a teacher is to establish an open learning environment that captures student interest.
- My aim as a teacher is to encourage my students to think and learn in an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.
- I will facilitate the students’ learning by opening a gap in their minds and filling it.
- Interacting with students is the most important thing. By doing so, you will understand what the class needs and your teaching will be effective if it is based on their necessities.
- Interaction with students is not only teaching them something, but also giving them a chance to share their knowledge which comes from their own opinions and other sources (textbook, etc)
- The process of learning begins with mutual respect between the instructor and student, which allows for the building of trust and leads to open dialogue.
- An atmosphere of comfort in a classroom, which comes from mutual respect and willingness to cooperate is conducive to effective learning.
- I will work to ensure my students find me approachable.
- An effective teacher is one that facilitates students’ learning.