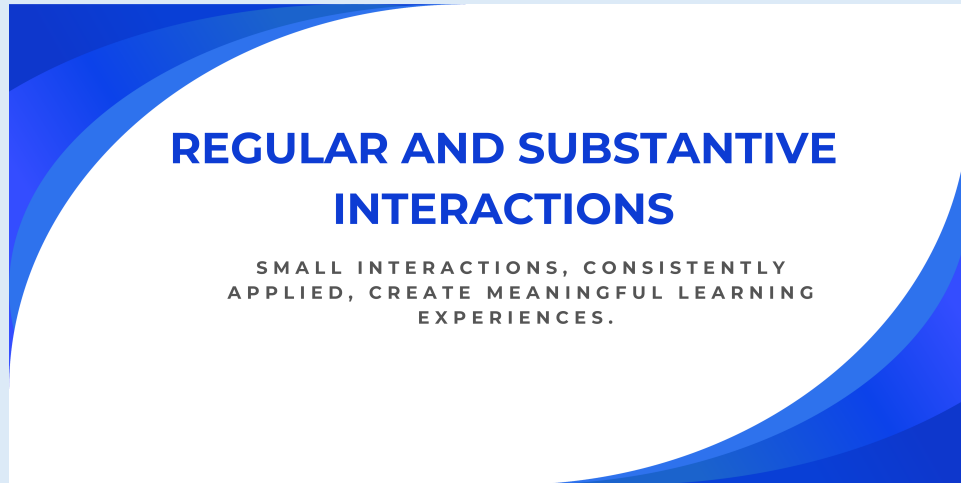


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Greetings Faculty,

Week five has arrived, and we are well into the instruction, assignments, and activities of courses. This week's RSI Tip is related to student feedback.

The grading process often triggers feedback for students, but there is more to the story. Feedback is one of the clearest examples of substantive interaction when it provides guidance to students to support their growth and improvement.

This Week's RSI Tip

Make your comments and feedback count. Focus your comments on how students can improve on future work.

Drive Learning Through Your Feedback

Goal

Provide meaningful feedback. Use feedback as an instructional tool.

Here is how:

- ☐ Go beyond giving a percentage or score. Return graded work with feedback.
- ☐ Provide specific guidance for improvement.
- ☐ Go beyond "Good job!" Identify strengths in student work and share specific ways they are demonstrating success.

- ☐ Address common misconceptions. Use the feedback process to address specific misconceptions or patterns.
- ☐ Ensure feedback supports future learning.

Try It

Remember: Effective feedback is not limited to identifying areas for improvement. It can also help successful students deepen their thinking, refine their skills, and reach higher levels of achievement.

Add one growth-oriented suggestion to each assignment you grade.

Support students in knowing more about the grade they earned. Let them know how they can grow for future success. Affirm areas of success for further skill refinement.

Examples:

- "You demonstrated a solid understanding of the concept. To improve further, explain your reasoning in more detail so readers can follow your thought process."
- "Your calculations are accurate. Next time, show each step of your work to help communicate how you arrived at your answer."
- "You identified the key issues effectively. Consider providing a deeper analysis of how these issues connect to the course concepts."
- "Your discussion post was thoughtful and well supported. In future discussions, try building on a classmate's idea by asking a follow-up question or adding an example."
- "Your organization is strong. For your next assignment, focus on developing more detailed conclusions that summarize key takeaways."
- "Build on this strong start by expanding your analysis."
- "Review the feedback provided and apply it to your next assignment."
- "Try connecting this concept to course materials more explicitly."

You know what language best suits your content area, so consider what your feedback examples may look like.

Have a good week!

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