

Defining Collaboration and Explicating the Collaborative Process

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The following is a brief survey for evaluating the overall quality of a process. "Process" refers to how a group of people is working together to deal with a problem they have in common or a goal they are trying to achieve. When you rate the following items, you should be thinking of your [insert the name of your collaborative].

There are no right or wrong answers to this survey. Regardless of what you think, you can be sure that there are others who will agree with you. Please rate all of items. When you have finished, please look back over the items one more time, to see if you have left any items unrated. Please circle the scale interval that best represents your evaluation of the process.

1. The people involved in the process usually are focused on broader goals, rather than individual agendas.
Strongly Agree Agree more than disagree Disagree more than agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. The process is free of favoritism.
Strongly Agree Agree more than disagree Disagree more than agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Often decisions are made in advance and simply confirmed by the process.
Strongly Agree Agree more than disagree Disagree more than agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. In the process, everyone has an equal opportunity to influence decisions.
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5. The process gives some people more than they deserve, while shortchanging others.
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6. The process responds fairly to the needs of its members.
Strongly Agree Agree more than disagree Disagree more than agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Decisions made in the process are based on fair criteria.
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8. In the process, some people's "merits" are taken for granted while other people are asked to justify themselves.
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9. In the process, strings are being pulled from the outside, which influence important decisions.
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10. The allocation of resources is decided fairly.
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11. The criteria for allocations are fairly applied.
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12. In the process there is sufficient opportunity to challenge decisions.
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13. In discussions about decisions or procedures, some people are discounted because of the organization they represent.
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14. The decisions made in the process are consistent.
Strongly Agree Agree more than disagree Disagree more than agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

15. Decisions are based on accurate information.
Strongly Agree Agree more than disagree Disagree more than agree Disagree Strongly Disagree