

2022-23 WSA Peer Observation Form – Complete 2 per Semester

Submit Completed Forms to AAO (Annie He) & Share with the colleague you observed!

Name	Elaine Zhou	Observing (Colleague Name)	Max Duroseau
Department	GIP Colloquy	Class Name	Omega
Grade	G10 Sino Global	Observation Date	05/19/2023
Purpose of Observation -what are you looking for? -ex. content expertise, student engagement practices, technology use.	 I heard Max begins class with mindfulness: I'm curious how that's done Colloquy teaches essay writing: I'd like to compare that with English essays How to generate engagement and enthusiasm in discussions for ESL speaker Whether the teacher uses technology and if so how that is implemented 		
Notes on Observation -what students are doing -what the teacher is doing	 Clear call and response established where classes choruses "Hello Max" Teacher has students close their eyes, breathe, then repeat affirmations Creates a sense of routine to delineate this class from the rest of the day Three questions with seven minutes to answers two of three questions Teacher stayed at front mostly while students wrote or typed answer Students volunteered to share their answer to any of the three questions Teacher responded to each response before calling on the next students New terms on PPT related to consciousness under the title "impact" Some students taking notes during discussion, some students just listening Asks for connection back to cartoon watched in a previous class Teacher led portion of class lasts approximately 25 minutes New cartoon: students take notes on the ladder of consciousness Bell rings around halfway through the video. Class ends. 		
Feedback to Colleague -something specific you noticed and appreciated and wondered about -any questions	 Appreciated: The almost church like atmosphere as they recited mantras. Appreciated: Teacher moves around while speaking, expanding zone of power. Appreciated: Students were excited to volunteer and spoke clearly. Question: For students who miss class, how can they access this discussion? Question: Are definite notes given at some point for the new terms? Question: What are your thoughts about English versus Chinese subtitles? Suggestion: Clear instructions for tech: two students distracted on computers. Suggestion: A minimum for writing: a few students wrote almost nothing 		
Reflections on My Practice	 For questions to generate thinking, I usually use elbow partner work. And when I have students write, I generally give less time (2 minutes per question). But I think the students benefited from more time to think and write down their ideas. Next time I think I will try having students write first with open ended questions before jumping straight into a discussion. I appreciated the use of random Chinese words throughout that created a sense of connection. I might try this once I've established I'm not a native speaker, so students can see it as an attempt to use their language. In the past, I've been worried that students will then assume I speak fluently, but I think there is little risk of that. 		