

Points Rewarded Management in College English Teaching

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Abstract: Academy is an important space for moral cultivation. The students must go deep into actual life to cultivate their morality. For example, the teachers can take the students into the field and improve their ability of expression, communication and interdisciplinary vision through the form of research reports. At present, college students have strong individual consciousness and weak group consciousness. Colleges can cultivate the students' collective consciousness through the common living space. General education has two aspects. One is the first classroom, the other is the academy system. The above philosophy mentioned is in line with my ideas & practices of points rewarded management in college English teaching.

1. Introduction

In our college, the final English score of the students is judged by the combination of the final exam result and the usual performance result. My own evaluating mode in terms of usual performance ranges from work ethic, attendance, regular assignment, workbook and signature dishes. For simple assessment of the above five dimensions, each item is given 100 points. Thus altogether will be 500 points. Under the semester to the end of each operating results calculate the final results in peacetime (full score 100). However, the average grade point of the total of the above five dimensions accounts for the 90% in the percentage of peacetime accomplishments. To tell you the truth, the first four dimensions are easy for the students to reach. We can simply emphasize the fifth dimension. The variety of signature dishes will be allocated to the students. We arrange our students in some groups. Of course, they prefer the groups of roommates. Maybe you consider "work ethic" easier to access to, yet it's related to the student's whole performance for the rest 4 dimensions. The more he's engaged in the class activities, the more scores he'll get in "work ethic" until the full marks. Well, at the last stage, the variety of creative tasks accounting for 10% extra points will be assigned to those who have got full scores. As a matter of fact, it is a bonus for those advanced students in English learning. In the extra creative work, the students are required to participate in different tasks in accordance with their own interest and talent. By the way, the essence of usual performance is to let the students complete certain assignments, and experience the success and achievement in the process, but not the total amount added up purely by the scores of usual tests. In the end, a certain student's score was scored by 70% regular grades and 30% final exam scores. The reason that the extra tasks are named creative is that the students are encouraged to take part in various activities. Each and every student is an atom. Different atoms bump into and against each other to create something new. That is why the inspiration of Idea-sharing Club emerges from my mind.

2. Outline of the Idea-sharing Club

Idea-sharing Club is a college-level platform gathering and opening up to the students from different schools within our college. We dedicate to provide them opportunities to find their demands met individually, specifically helping English fans to learn English and offering those who are willing to access deep exploring about Mandarin, Chinese culture and everything regarding China. The first organization of ISC's events got started in November of 2018 and every Wednesday afternoon at the Reading Pavilion (Address: West of Little Forest, JNEP Campus), we regularly hold various events including presentations, idea-sharing, conversation forums, debates and others.

With our joint effort, we hope to establish such a great club of different voices, various ideas and friendly communicative circumstances. For participating, please contact the organizer Martin Lee by scanning the QR Codes as follows (omitted here). Well, we shoot pictures and record videos about such activities and then we display them in our actual classes. Here Martin is me. I am in charge of this club. Involving it is a job outside of my regular work. It's a labor of love for me. It's really something done for pleasure, not for obligation. In the idea-sharing club, different English activities are done with the background of campus signature buildings or spots. Now we'll list some of them: Reading Pavilion, Shanhe Fountain, Jingyi Square, Xingzhi Square, Lu Ban Square, Xingzhi Building, Chongde Building, Xuesi Building, Confucious Statue, Classroom Setting and so on.

3. Practices in terms of Idea-sharing Club

1) In front of Terraced Xingzhi Building, the pictures of some students or some pictures of the building itself are showed on classroom PPT. Some bilingual sentences are presented. Take the following as an example. "Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it." (Here Chinese version omitted) Besides, we quoted the famous saying like "Practice enriches knowledge. More knowledge leads to better practice." (Here Chinese version omitted too) from Chinese President Xi Jinping's speech at a gathering celebrating the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening-up on December 18th, 2018.

2) Reading Pavilion is the popular campus spot with the students. Sitting on the wooden positions and reading there is really cool. With the beautiful trees as the background, the girl students look so lovely with fresh wind blowing their hair softly while reading. Or you can see how handsome a guy in a brow study out there looks.

3) There are a couple of Confucious' Statues in our college. Looking up to the great master and taking about Confucious' ideas is a great pleasure. Isn't it great pleasure to have a picture taken in front of Confucious' Statue and to read some classical sayings with your good peers?

4) Walking on Lu Ban Square is also a must. You know, we can be attracted by Chinese folk tales about Lu Ban. Here's how. One or two students are arranged to have a picture taken beside Lu Ban Statue. He or she or they may be talking about Lu Ban. They can also work in pairs, presenting a situational dialogue in terms of Lu Ban. Then we'll display their presenting pictures or videos in class.

4. Each member with "centripetal force" can make more prosperous family

Recently I read an article titled "Family Centripetal Force" by Liu Yong from the learning platform of the CPC central committee. It mentioned the importance of cooperation. We hope for some useful enlightenment from it. Here is the main idea of the original article.

In my last year of graduate school in the United States, a lady of about 50 years old suddenly appeared in my class. She was very special among our group of young people. At first, I thought she was there to listen in. Later, seeing that she was also nervous to cope with the exam, we just knew she was a formal student. She was never late or absent from class, and she took good notes, so people who skipped classes came to her for help. She is affectionately known as Mrs. Zhao. I didn't know the truth until I graduated. She was Ms. Zhu Mulan, the very mother of Ms. Zhao Xiaolan, Transportation Secretary of USA.

Zhao Xiaolan was not only the youngest White House scholar, but also the highest-ranking Chinese in the U.S. government at the time. There are many factors contributing to her success, but among them, the family factor is particularly important.

Zhao Xiaolan's father, Dr. Zhao Xicheng, is very hospitable. Whenever guests come, his six daughters will come out whenever they are at home. They pour tea very respectfully and always have a sincere smile on their faces. What is particularly interesting is that when the Zhaos banquet guests, the daughters will always keep behind the guests for everyone to serve dishes and pour wine instead of sitting around the Table. "Yes, we have them as waitresses, but isn't it a kind of training?"

said Mrs Zhao.

The six daughters learned at an early age to be active in family life. It is hard to believe that the 37-meter-long asphalt driveway in front of Zhao Xiaolan's house was paved by the six daughters under their father's command. "Homestead, homestead, this garden belongs to one family. Everyone is responsible!" Mrs. Zhao said. Because they have contributed their own efforts, they especially know how to love this family. Everybody is a member of the family, they are family, the home belongs to everybody. Making concerted efforts together, everybody can experience the rise and fall of the family. In their view, each member has "centripetal force", and the family naturally becomes more and more prosperous.

The above philosophy mentioned is fit for the family, so is it suitable for our management in teaching. Actually, Idea-sharing Club is a family, so is our class.

5. Full attention to facilitation and group dynamics

This paragraph also exemplifies the ideas & practices of points rewarded management in my polytechnics English teaching. Here's how.

Two essential factors for the formation of a beneficial context must be given full attention: facilitation and group dynamics. The leading role of teachers was mainly embodied in the fact that teachers work as designers, organizers, guides and they play inspiring, promoting role in the teaching research. When we learnt the text of Unit 3 --- Business Travel (Vocational Comprehensive College English-II), we focus on the lyrics: "stop and smell the roses along the way". In order to make it sense enough, I introduced a popular song sung by Deng Yan with the name of "Leisurely". From her singing, we read a bit free and easy and a bit capricious. We also seem to be able to see that a spoony walking alone on the road with no regrets leisurely of the state of mind. As the song says "with you as my companion, I can live a happy life without regrets". That's the significance of a teacher's facilitation I should stress.

As we all know, leisurely living is a kind of realm. Here is how I explain the meaning of "Business Trips Don't Have to Be All Business" with something outside the text. The melody of the song "Leisurely" is beautiful and great while the orchestration is fresh and melodious. The ancient flavor of Xiao and the graceful flutes alternate with each other and complement each other. At the same time of attracting people's reverie, it drives the emotions to progress step by step and shows incisively and vividly the complicated determination and faith. It is worth mentioning that they happened to mention the tacit cooperation and enjoyment in the process of creation and recording when interviewing the lyricist, the songwriter and the singer. Everyone, including the other members of the production team, jointly created a work called "Leisurely", which isn't a kind of "leisurely" experience with their love for art, their own division of labor and their own responsibilities? That's the importance of group dynamics we should attach to.

6. The spirit of doing things matters

It's great to do things perfectly, but the important thing is to do them well. We often refuse to do something because we are afraid that we cannot do it very well. But our duty is not to do things perfectly, but only to do them as well as we can.

King Henry VIII invited Coverdale to translate the bible into English. He was aware of his limitations and lacked a profound knowledge of the biblical text. He said, "A translator must have an extraordinary knowledge and research of the language, but I am so poor that I am not qualified to take on the translation responsibility. The more I think about it, the more I dare not touch this job."

But he went on, "But, to be frank with the Lord, I have not thought of it, nor have I sought to do it; but it pains me to think that many other countries have bibles in their own languages, and we have none. When circumstances require me to do it, though I am not capable of it, it is my duty to do it as well as I can, with all my heart." Coverdale knew he was weak, but he did his best, and the result of his efforts was the Coverdale Bible, a masterpiece of the English translation of the bible.

Doing a thing can have a good effect is good, but the more important thing is the spirit of doing

things. Success is like the top of a ladder. You can't climb it with your hands in your pockets. Only by your own hands and feet to climb, can you reach the top. The world will surprise you and time can witness your efforts if you really stick to one thing. Sometimes when we accept a big gift of real value, we feel uneasy. Instead of comfort, we feel ashamed. Sometimes a small gift can let our heart get warm and happy. A small gift can be of great value if it is given with love and sincerity. The greatest gift is nothing but waste, if it were not for love.

7. Inspiration boot through euphemistic implication

Now let take back to our normal class. Once I explained the difference between the low-budget families and the poor ones in our text, I asked one of the girl students. She had no idea. I noticed a slogan "Culture is an attitude" on her blouse and encouraged her to seek out the answer from the cultural difference. And then she knew how to say euphemistically or in a euphemistic manner. Incidentally, I gave the students two more examples. One is "If these GDP data were company earnings, they would be what analysts euphemistically call 'low quality' ". The other is "Explain politely that you can't talk right now, you're reading a book."

8. Conclusion

My ideas & practices of points rewarded management in college English teaching are on the road to have taken effect and be innovating. So far, the "academy-college" educational mode for undergraduates in our college has been formed in charge of 3 academies and 7 schools. In this mode, the academy should be established according to the principle of "horizontal integration and vertical connection". By the way, our college consists of 8 schools of majors and 3 schools of non-majors. Each school except the 3 non-majors faculties includes a number of engineering, science and liberal arts students and so on horizontally, while vertically, undergraduate students from the first year to the fourth year of the same major are included in the same academy, realizing the cross-integration of disciplines on the basis of relatively concentrated majors. Undergraduate students belong to the school. The school is academically development-oriented and focuses on helping students build up a professional knowledge system. The campus life affairs of students belong to the academy, which is oriented by the development of students' comprehensive quality and carries out practical activities outside the classroom. My teaching experience is tangible and effective based on the actual situation of the students and closely around the above guidelines of our college.

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