

EXHIBIT 3.3. QUESTIONS FOR FORMULATING SIGNIFICANT LEARNING GOALS.

What impact do I want this course experience to have on students, that will still be there a year or more after the course is over?

FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- What key *information* (facts, terms, formula, concepts, relationships. . .) is important for students to *understand and remember* in the future?
- What key *ideas* or perspectives are important for students to understand in this course?

APPLICATION

- What kinds of *thinking* are important for students to learn here:
 - Critical thinking*, in which students analyze and evaluate?
 - Creative thinking*, in which students imagine and create?
 - Practical thinking*, in which students solve problems and make decisions?
- What important *skills* do students need to learn?
- What *complex projects* do students need to learn how to manage?

INTEGRATION

- What *connections* (similarities and interactions) should students recognize and make. . .
 - Among ideas *within* this course?
 - Between the information, ideas, and perspectives in this course and those in other courses or areas?
 - Between material in this course and the students' own personal, social, and work life?

HUMAN DIMENSION

- What can or should students learn about *themselves*?
- What can or should students learn about understanding and interacting with *others*?

CARING

- What changes would you like to see, in what students *care* about, that is, any changes in their. . .
 - Feelings?
 - Interests?
 - Values?

LEARNING HOW TO LEARN

- What would you like for students to learn about. . .
 - How to be a good student* in a course like this?
 - How to engage in inquiry and construct knowledge* with this subject matter?
 - How to become a self-directing learner* relative to this subject? That is, have a *learning agenda* of what else they need and want to learn and a *plan* for learning it.
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Source: Fink, L. Dee. *Creating significant learning experiences: An integrated approach to designing college courses*. John Wiley & Sons, 2004.

