**MIS581: Self-Evaluation Form**

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**Please answer the following questions in detail (*meaning a minimum of two complete sentences per question*). Feel free to type your answers after the questions below. Your completed self-evaluation should be uploaded to the Week 8 Capstone Project page for the final assignment.**

**How well did you explain and support your ideas?**

I delivered a pleasant greeting. I introduced myself only briefly, and I explained my purposes for the presentation and the project.

**How effectively did you grab the attention of your audience?**

I grabbed their attention acceptably well by addressing their interests. I addressed their needs for rubrics and strategic thinking, and by explaining the purpose of the presentation. I tried to change the pitch of my voice more often than in the past in order to sound appealing.

**Did you state your purpose and speaking topic?**

Yes, I stated the purpose of the recorded session and the purposes of my project. I recited the audience’s purposes and interests.

**Did you state your thesis?**

Yes, I explained my hypothesis and the hypothesis testing. My thesis is to advance an analytical model of the global food chain. The narrow research hypothesis of the project was to test the theory that global food production varies inversely with the price of energy, namely crude oil.

**How effective was your introduction?**

I felt it was interesting and effective. I had to cover a large amount of information in less than fifteen minutes. I would have found my introduction effective if I were in the audience.

**Did you preview your main points?**

Yes, I did preview my main points in a sentence. I also reviewed my main points in the closing.

**How effectively did you use transitions?**

The transitions were as effective as I believe they could be in such a brief presentation. I also made the beginning, middle and ending clear to the audience.

**Did you provide adequate nonverbal support?**

I dressed well and groomed myself for the occasion. I made the presentation in a commodious setting in my office. I used good facial expressions and smiled.

**Did you use visual aids?**

No, I did not. I never was able to discover just how to insert desktop graphics into my video presentations. I will improve on this in the future unless it is expensive to buy the required software to do so.

**Did you cue for closure?**

Yes, I did cue for my closing. I closed the presentation with a clear statement, an expression of gratitude, and a salutation.

**Did you restate your thesis and main points?**

Yes, I did. I restated them during the conclusions, future work, and closing.

**Looking over your VoiceVibes report, what were your areas of strength? What areas do you need to work on? How do you plan to address these areas?**

I need the most work on Variety of Pitch and Volume.

My strengths were that I was well organized and clear, and paused just right.

I have a difficult time showing enthusiasm or passion during these academic exercises. Perhaps I will do so better with more practice. I think my YouTube video was a little more casual than the VoiceVibes recording.

**What is the link to your YouTube video?**

<https://youtu.be/FpQsaFzXjHI>