My Experience with this Poster Assignment

The entire experience of this assignment can be divided into several sections.

Finding the right article

As a PhD student in Transportation Engineering, it was a very shallow pool of papers to choose from that would pique my interest in general or have enough overlap with the things that I learnt from the class. Once I came across the paper I eventually presented, I found that it covered a lot of ideas that I learnt in this class. In addition, the paper showed us how innovative teaching techniques and course designing can positively influence results by using actual statistical metrics.

Arranging materials for the posters

I have been reading Transportation papers for the past few years. Due to that, I feel I have been conditioned to read papers in my discipline with relative ease. However, reading teaching-learning related papers was a change of exercise from my daily research life and I got the hang of it after some initial hiccups. Another thing about this paper was that, we had so many data visualization aid throughout the paper that made understanding the story easier. So, I had to choose judiciously what goes in the poster and what does not, while trying my best to retain as much information as I could. Overall, I was fascinated with how the Transportation sub-department in University of Sao Paolo had a successful attempt at teaching transportation for bachelor students to make them adequate as a transportation professional.

Online Platform and Poster Visualization

I did not have a prior experience with **Gatherly** and I must say I was pleasantly surprised with how accurately the platform simulates the real-life feeling of a poster session. I would recommend using it for holding virtual poster sessions at all levels.

In my previous virtual poster in a conference, I faced this issue with the wordings of the posters being hard to read for the viewers. So, I experimented with it and highlighted parts of the poster by zooming in to the parts as I presented my poster, as you can see in the PowerPoint file attached. That idea was well received by my peers.