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The whole concept of agile seems like there can be changes at any moment so I would think on how it can be built flexible in case there are any major changes that may be done, especially early on or until the project progresses and solidifies as more information becomes available. The way the changes are received at least as how they were in the video lines up with what I would expect for a software developer in the lifecycle. I would think through the sprints, that as things come up from the Product Owner of what things the consumer likes and does not like, there will be some changes or enhancements made to each item. Full changes all together would kind of stink but it’s part of the job.

When communicating with the Product Owner and Testers, I would make sure that I understand the changes that the customers want enough in order to make sure I’m making corrections or building a program with the correct intention. I would try to ask as many questions of the Product Owner in order to clarify any or gain as much information as I can. In the example posed here, there was a shift wanted towards Wellness/Detox vacations, but I felt like an opportunity was lost to ask more questions about how focused they wanted SNHU Travel wanted on it. The Tester would have valuable information about any changes being made as well considering if there are minor changes to a program, the information gained by the Tester may be valuable for fixing any bugs that may have risen after that sprint.

I would prefer to meet in person, if necessary, in order to get all these questions clarified but I am not afraid of using emails in order to get the information needed as well. The agile method allows us to be more flexible in our development approach since there are many different checkpoints at which an evaluation is done on progress toward the product result. I’m also beginning to realize now that although tons of software are built every day, the person in charge of building them may not be the best person/team for the job so there are tons of ways to build software and any insight gained along the way, requires the team to be flexible in order to squeeze in changes at any moment.

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Subject: SNHU Travel Wellness / Detox Shift – High Priority

Hello Product Owner and Tester,

Thank you for update regarding the stakeholders interest in focusing on Wellness / Detox location spots. I know a few people who have gone on similar types of vacations and it will definitely be of interest to those who really like to focus on physical and mental wellness. Making the shift to include Detox / Vacation spots should not be too difficult but I do have some follow-up questions with our shift as seen below:

1. When sorting destinations for our Top 5 list, should we be sorting them based on services from the business or sorting them based on popularity of the destination in general?
2. The tagline included before was regarding something special about the destination, what would you like to be in place of that now that we are focusing on the Wellness / Detox business spot?
3. What kind of pictures do you think work best for this niche? We could go with some pictures of people doing the wellness activities or we can just go with a calming photo of the landscape of the destination.

Thank you so much for looking at these questions. With this information, we can further work to enhance the functionality of the program and hopefully reach a larger audience in this niche of Wellness / Detox hot spots.

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