6.170 Pangaea Reflection

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Peer Review:

Faruk Parhat - Faruk was an extremely reliable and knowledgable group member. His responsibilities were not only completed on time and done well, but he was very available to help with others' tasks, and was a great resource for help. He very willingly volunteered to take on the most technically challenging aspect of our app (chat), and created a great product.

Guillermo Vargas - Guillermo displayed a complete grasp of the course material in creating a beautiful translation section of Pangaea. Working with him was fantastic as he was willing to volunteer to take on additional work and was also extremely willing to collaborate with others. I would love to work with Guillermo in the future.

Jonathan Batscha - Jonathan provided a critical eye to a lot of ideas that were behind Pangaea. From the first day, he challenged the group to think about the real motivation behind the app's concepts. Unfortunately, I believe that not having completed the third project was troublesome for Jonathan, as he was missing critical technical knowledge to complete tasks for which he volunteered.

Team Evaluation:

From the first interactions, our team had very good chemistry, and I believe that the final product of our application is a product of that. Everyone communicated openly and took constructive criticism well in order to make our best possible product. While some work had to be redistributed due to busy schedules and other conflicts, there were no complaints and members just worked harder to complete their new tasks. There were no issues with team members missing without communication or and everyone was more than willing to devoting huge stretches of time to complete the app.

Lessons Learned:

Having taken a backseat in projects before, I really learned the value in taking a leadership role. Not only do you learn more technically by involving yourself in every facet of the app, but you are able to assist whenever anyone needs help and can be proud with the amount of effort put into creating a product. I also learned the value of understanding the right time to take control of development myself, and when to trust my team members. I know that

both of these lessons will be vital as I enter industry, as I strive to be an integral member to

whatever team that I enter.