Leadership, cont.

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Course(s) Used:

• Team and Small Group Communication

Goals and Objectives:

• Students can describe task and process leadership

Rationale:

Leadership emerges in a variety of groups. Most groups make leadership decisions through emergent leadership.

Materials Needed

Materials:

• None

Technology:

• Classroom computer and projector

Outline of the Lesson

- 1. Review of previous session's content
- 2. Emergent leadership
 - A. Leadership activities happen in nearly all groups
 - B. Groups often select one or more leaders automatically
 - 1. This tends to be a rejection process
 - 2. First, those who act like they don't want it are rejected
 - 3. Second, gradual rejection based on perceptions of leadership style
 - C. Gender and emerging leadership
 - 1. Two or more men, female leaders more likely to be rejected
 - 2. Only one man, "isolate the man"
 - 3. Man tend to talk more in groups, and are much more likely to interrupt women
 - 4. All evidence suggests that gender has no effect on ability to lead effectively
 - 5. There is evidence that current gender bias requires women to perform better to be seen as performing equally well in leadership positions

- 3. Distributed leadership
 - A. It is common for leadership behaviors and responsibilities to be shared among multiple group members
- 4. The missing piece in leadership research: followership
 - A. Often, the best leaders are also very good followers
- 5. Lesson closing

Variations and Accommodations

Follow guidance from local accommodation authorities.