

**Negotiation and Dispute Resolution
Wharton School
Professor Stuart Diamond
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Syllabus may change without notice

January 11/12 Ratings War Case - Trust

- Baseline exercise to evaluate one's own negotiation skills.

Course Content

- Purposes/goals of course. Scheduling. Requirements.
- Goals of students/skills desired.
- Some results of questionnaires.

January 18/19 Round Robin Case

- Basic Tools-Negotiate and analyze using course tools.
- Who's zoomin' who?
- How are these cases different from one another?

January 25/26 The Diva Case - Interest Based Negotiation

- How can we do better?
- This is a complex case. Be creative! Also, agency issues?

Perception

- An exercise in perceptual differences.
- Comments on dealing with perceptions problems.
- Role of communication in effective negotiation.

Interests

February 1/2 Pheasant Egg - Hard Bargainers

- How do you know when it's collaborative or not? Can it be both? How to deal with hard bargainers, ethical issues, etc.
- Analyze. What was effective and not? What will you do differently next time?
- What specific negotiation principles will you internalize?

Standards

February 8/9 The Warranty

- An introduction to the 4 Quadrant problem solving model

February 15/16 Problem Solving Session

- The best negotiators are problem-solvers – creative problem solvers. We will devote the session to using the 4-quadrant problem-solving model as it applies to real student problems.
- 1. Students can revise problems already submitted or submit new problems by completing a new online Problem Solving form by the deadline listed in the assignments chart on the main page of the website.
- 2. Students will prioritize problems you wish to negotiate after reviewing all problems submitted by students in the class. Students will then need to select a problem to negotiate by the deadline listed in the assignments chart on the main page of the website. There are a limited number of slots available for each problem, so the selection process is first come first serve. If you fail to select a problem before the deadline hits then we will place you in one of the remaining available slots.
- 3. Roles and problems will be emailed to students the Tuesday before the scheduled class. The person who owns each problem to be negotiated will explain the facts of the case to others on that team.

February 22/23 Sell Phones Case – Coalition Building

- Most of the time you need others to succeed - even opponents. Processes to gain - or lose - through building a power base.

Organizational Behavior and Power

Discussion: Multi-Party Negotiations

March 1/2: Regular Class Does Not Meet. Instead, there is an outside of class negotiation

Outside of Class Steel Deal Case - Negotiation Style Looking in the Mirror

- Classes will NOT meet formally this week. You will be expected to conduct an outside group negotiation with members of all other sections of this course. You will be assigned to a team prior to this class, and will be required to tape a negotiation, location TBA. A separate memo will be distributed prior to this week.
- This exercise will give you insight on how you look and how persuasive you are through your negotiating style. The case will involve an international trading company.
- Prepare individually, then with teammates before taping.

DVD Recording (Refer to memo)

- Record the entire negotiation.
- Talk among yourselves afterwards. What worked? What didn't? How important were style and emotion issues? What learning for future negotiations? What agency issues presented themselves?
- View the DVD and talk some more.

Excerpt Selection

- Pick 60 seconds that exhibited significant emotion or interpersonal problems. Criteria include: screaming, finger pointing, hostile tone, interrupting, throwing chairs, storming out, other aggressive behavior, ignoring other side, extreme offers, insults, crying, etc.

Turning in DVD

- DVD is to be placed in Professor Diamond's Wharton Office Mailbox (Jon Huntsman Hall 666) by noon on March 15, 2007.
- Put all team member names and TEAM NUMBER on the DVD.
- No class credit will be given for any team member unless the DVD is submitted and a time stamp is placed on the DVD!

March 8/9 No Class – Spring Break

March 15/16 Breath & Taxes Case – Politics and Style

- Building on the tools from previous classes, how do you maximize your gains in a situation where style and political skills are as important as substance? Are all perceived differences real?

Discussion: Style questionnaire results

March 22 El Camino Real Case – Group Processes

- This is a combined law school/business school class—all sections of this course. This will be the only class this week, and will be held on Thursday, October 26th from 7:00- 10:00 PM, location TBA. A separate memo will be distributed prior to this class.
- This class will address multi-party, multi-issue negotiations. Dealing effectively in such situations is an essential negotiation skill.

Group conflict and style.

Agenda setting

March 29/30 Mediation Case - Fixing the Problems of Others

- In your families and companies, you will also often better meet your goals by helping others solve problems that affect you. Disputes cost money and can wreck deals and even your business. The energy spent in litigation is often debilitating. And internal disputes among those in your firm hurt productivity and profit. The extent to which you can fix these problems cheaply and quickly will gain you more power and more business success.
- A round robin. Pay attention to the process!

April 5/6 Family Business Case – Real World M&A

- 90% of all businesses globally, and 1/3 of Fortune 500 firms, are owners of big families.
- Dealing effectively with such issues is key for business people and attorneys.
- In this class you will negotiate a case drawn closely from real life and which required use of a significant portion of the learning from this semester. If you have paid careful attention to the tools all semester and practiced with them, this case will be a breeze – fun, elucidating and motivating.

- You may be asked to prepare by side for 45 minutes to 1 hour before coming to the class.

April 12/13 Alpha Beta Case – Cross Cultural Issues

- Cross-cultural negotiation is accelerating in importance, as cultures, countries, races and other distinct groups are being thrown together in an increasingly international economy. Most world problems exemplify our individual and collective failure to negotiate successfully with those who are different. This session is a transition to the complex topic of dealing with diversity. We will develop some approaches for near-term solutions and further self-learning. Dealing with differences is a critical topic in the world today and is the capstone of the course.
- You may be asked to prepare by side for a minimum of 30 minutes before coming to the class
- Comments on Cross Cultural problems
- Preparation for Class. Case, Preparation by Side and Readings 24, 25, 26

Final Exam - TBA