

The 20% Project

(Where Passion, Vocation, and Need Meet)

OCTOBER

10/1: The concept and purpose of 20% time that is done at Google are introduced. You'll be given 20% of confirmation sessions (the last 30 min of session time in C2) to devote time to your own goal or project. A few examples of past projects are listed and explained – Google it or visit 20time.org for more inspiration!

10/22: The concepts of passion and vocation are introduced. You'll reflect on the following questions: What do you love? What are you good at? What does the world need? This will be some inspiration for our next session.

NOVEMBER

11/5: Bad Idea Factory: Come up with the silliest, worst ideas you can imagine that are related to last session's reflection questions. This takes the pressure off of figuring out the perfect idea and instead allows you to foster creativity without stress. One of these bad ideas may just be a GREAT idea!!

Homework over Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving Break: Brainstorming Guide: Work on focusing your ideas. This is when you'll ponder which of your ideas could be do-able, which would be awesome but too expensive or too time-consuming, etc.

DECEMBER

12/3: Work on your Project Proposal forms. You'll also be beginning email/journal/blog check-in entries. You'll be writing these every session – all they do is update me on what you've been doing and what your challenges and progress are! (You can do them any way you'd like – email, paper, blog, etc.)

12/10: Complete your Project Proposal Form and submit it to Megan

JANUARY

1/7: You'll get your Project Proposal back, and it will either be approved or approved with minor revisions. There are certain aspects that must be included in your project (e.g. it must be other-centered; you must work individually (with a few exceptions)). You'll also brainstorm someone to be a mentor for your project, to be confirmed as your mentor by the next C2 session.

1/28: SMART Goals: Create an action plan and timeline for the rest of the confirmation year. This has "deliverables," or benchmarks, you'll work on during our 20% Time that you'll plan on reaching by certain dates.

FEBRUARY

2/11: Fine-tune your SMART Goals if necessary, and if you want, start working on your deliverables

2/25: Work on projects/maintain your status updates (email/blog/journal) following your SMART Goals plan.

MARCH/APRIL

All sessions: Work on projects/maintain your status updates (email/blog/journal) following your SMART Goals plan. Start work on a trifold brochure or other way to present your idea to the group (YOU CAN BRING YOUR COMPUTERS IF YOU NEED THEM!).

4/15: Work on projects etc.; sign up for which day you'd like to present your 20% Project (4/29, 5/6, or 5/20) to the C2 group and leaders.

APRIL/MAY

4/29, 5/6, and 5/20: Bring printouts of your trifold brochures and present your project to the rest of the C2 group and leaders.