

Pedagogical, Curricular, and Institutional Culture Change for PBL



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What We've Learned

- Interest in PBL across higher ed
- Mostly driven by Gen Ed or FY reforms
- Models and frameworks help
- Examples and materials often help more
- Teamwork is hard
- *Culture change is harder*





Culture change

Programmatic change

Curricular change



Culture change



Programmatic change



Curricular change

What Seems to Work



- Form a coalition of the willing
- Invest in faculty development
- Build a community of practice
- Pilots are your friend
- Have (and use) an assessment plan
- Celebrate student success

Elements for A Successful Coalition

- Autonomy -- ideas come from peers
- Flexibility
- Sense of significant contribution/recognition
- Public presentation/sharing
- Food (and adult beverages)



Benefits to that Coalition

- Empowerment
- Renewed sense of joy in teaching
- Sense of community
- Significant advancement of programs



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