

# Working in Groups a.k.a The Rest of Your Life

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# Outline

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# Group Success

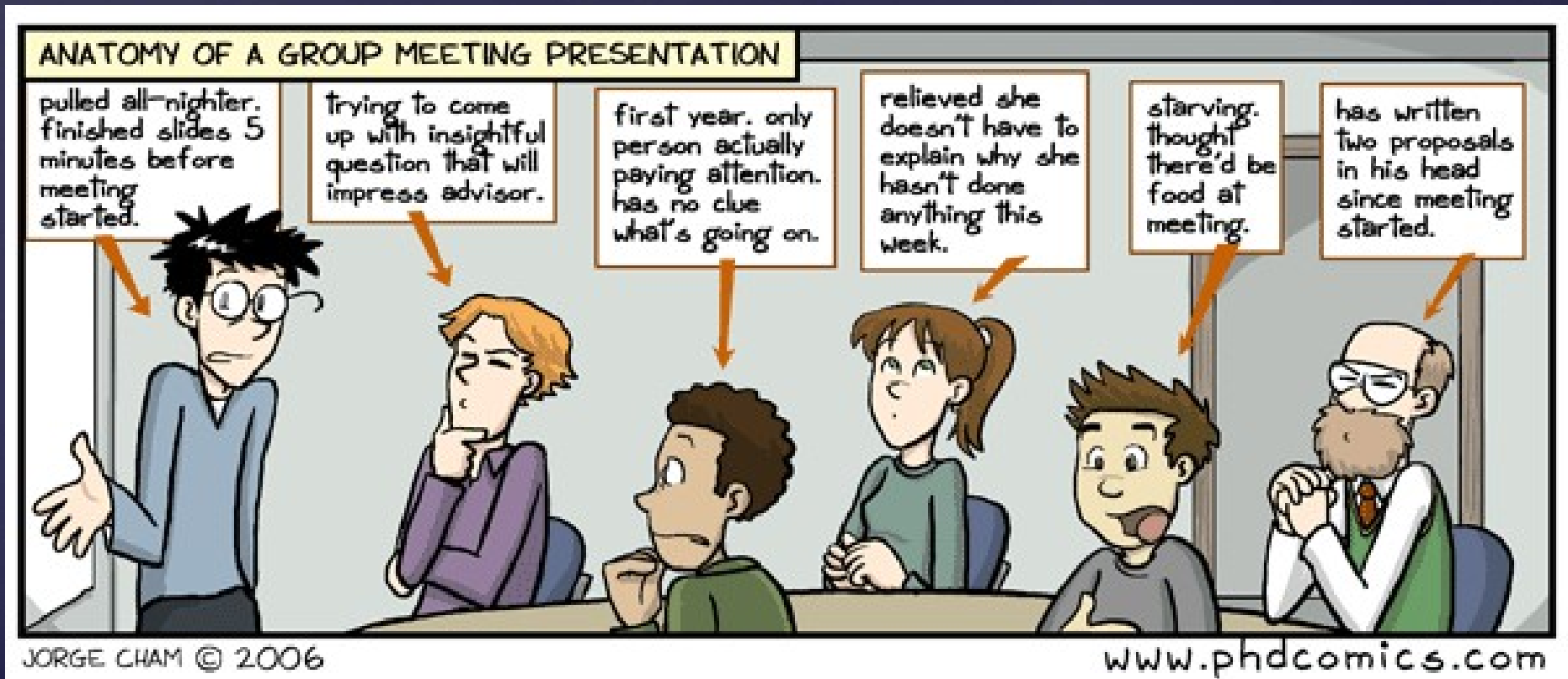
## Effective

- ⌘ Range of individuals who contribute in different ways
- ⌘ Clear goals
- ⌘ Supportive, informal atmosphere
- ⌘ Discussion and active listening

## Ineffective

- ⌘ Silent and/or overbearing members
- ⌘ Dismissive attitudes
- ⌘ Arguments instead of disagreements
- ⌘ Decisions do not warrant discussion
- ⌘ No delegation of roles

# Roles



# Roles

- ⌘ Leader / Coordinator
- ⌘ Note Taker
- ⌘ Presenter
- ⌘ Time Keeper
- ⌘ Project Specific Roles
  - ⌘ Equipment Manager
  - ⌘ IT Specialist

⌘ Delegate pieces of the project based on these roles to spread the work load, keep group members engaged and take advantage of individual strengths.

# Intragroup Communication

## Disagreement

- ⌘ The idea is clearly explained for all members to understand
- ⌘ Differences of opinion revolve around the idea, not the individual

## Argument

- ⌘ Individuals become defensive and combative
- ⌘ Reactionary statements abound
- ⌘ Individuals, rather than ideas, rule the conversation

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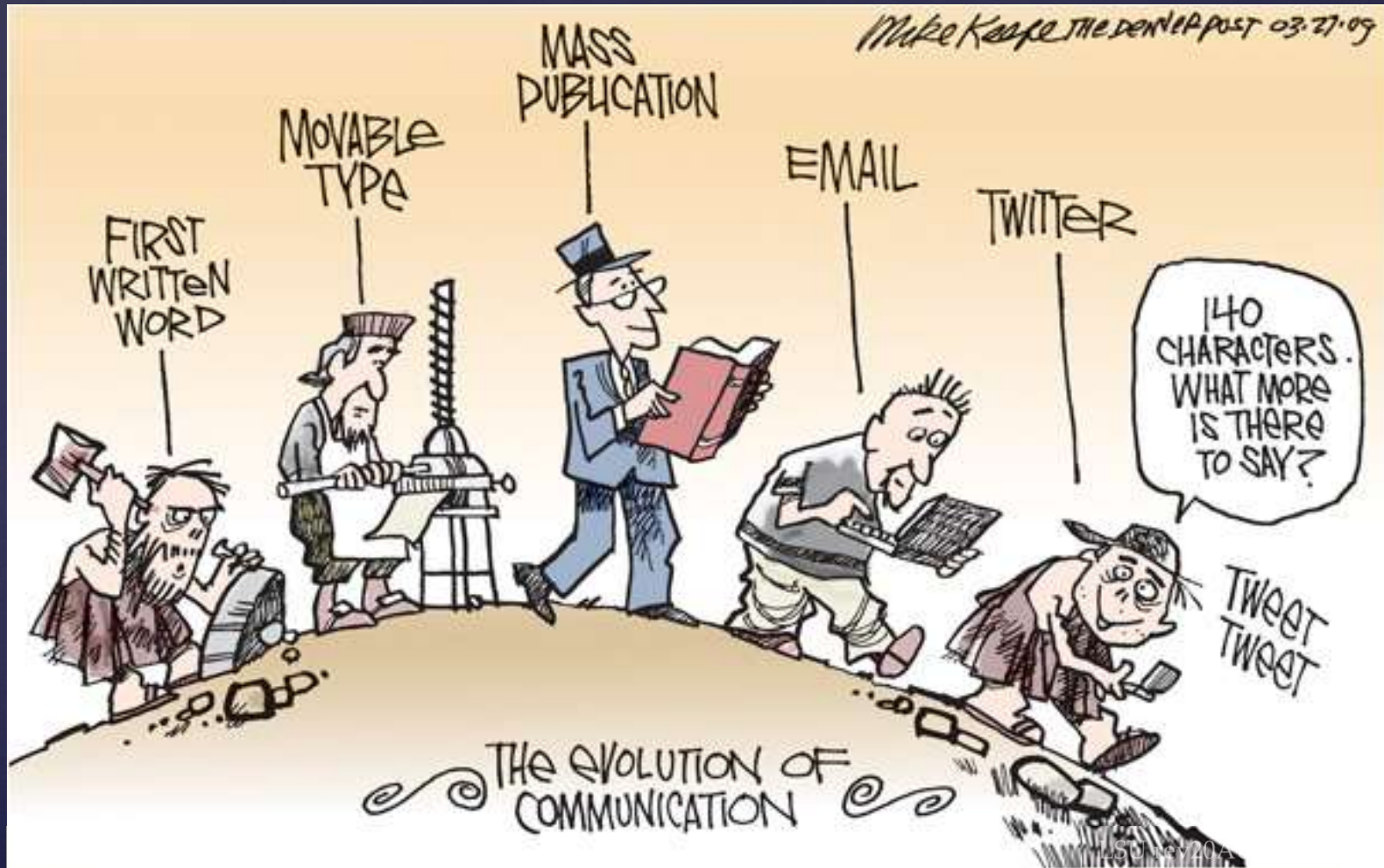
## Constructive Criticism

- ⌘ Focuses on the present
- ⌘ Allows for the other party to make a decision
- ⌘ Identifies the positives
- ⌘ Reinforces active listening

## Dismissal / Ridicule

- ⌘ Criticism voiced out of self interest or competition
- ⌘ Dead-end
- ⌘ Disrespectful
- ⌘ Judgmental
- ⌘ One-sided

# Intergroup Communication





# Writing

## Group Prompt

- Should first-year students at LSU be required to live on campus?
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- 5 minutes
  - 4-6 written sentences

# Writing

& Did you...

- ∅ Delegate responsibilities?
- ∅ Share ideas openly?
- ∅ Disagree?
- ∅ Create and edit drafts?

# Presentations

## Group Prompt

⌘ Should first-year students at LSU be required to live on campus?



⌘ 5 minutes

⌘ Creative visual component

⌘ 1 minute presentation

# Presentations

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