

Dear class,

I've looked through your outlines and given some feedback on them. They are generally fine, with a clear and logical structure.

As you continue refining your presentations, here are some points you might want to take note of:

The most important thing we want to see is an exchange of interdisciplinary perspectives. That means either approaching the problem and proposing several solutions from different perspectives (biology, engineering etc.) or just one solution, but with input from each perspective. The most important thing is that your presentations consider and show how different members' perspectives have been considered to tackle the idea. For example, "Our solution is XXX. From a biological standpoint, this would work because... It is also feasible from an engineering standpoint too because... However, from a _____ perspective, it might not work/there might be concerns with... Yet..."

Since you are scientists, **you do not have to**, but you might also consider social/political concerns arising from your solution. Of course, many of you have also done the GS6001 module on ethics, so that knowledge could be applied here too.

Thus, a bit of technical detail is required but not too much! We need you to have one (or more) clear and explicit take-home message (s) – which is still lacking for many groups – and explain and defend those ideas based on research and your own areas of expertise. As noted in lecture, this is a very important part of doing PhD projects. If you use case studies, you should show how they are relevant to your proposals and what you can learn from them.

Keep up the effort and remember to update and upload a copy of your revised presentation outline in the Workbin on Friday (See lesson plan for details). It should be sufficiently detailed and coherent for your partner group to give constructive feedback.

Do feel free to ask me if you have any queries or need clarification!