

“Chronicle of a Campus”
Preliminary Research
Due March 10, 2014

With *Chronicle of a Summer* as your guide, please complete the following in preparation for next week’s important workshop activities:

- I. Create a hypothetical list of five individuals to interview regarding their personal experiences of ‘happiness’ at UMass Lowell. This list can include fellow students, professors, university staff, or all of the above. I only ask that you imagine a total of five people to work with. You do not have to commit yourself to any group or combination of individuals at this point, as this is only an exploratory exercise. I only ask that you begin to give some serious thought to the types of people that will most likely help you to discover some ideas for future research.

- II. Once you have created a tentative list of potential interview subjects, create another list of at least five **words** related to the subject of ‘happiness’ to work with, such as those that we have discussed in class.¹

- III. With your two lists above at hand, please craft five hypothetical ‘template’ questions to accompany your tentative list of interview subjects. For example, here are some of mine:
 - In all of your experience as a freshman at UML, what has given you the greatest sense of **delight**? Does this surprise you?
 - As a student councilor, what do you think is the most common misconception about **happiness** at UML? What is the primary cause of this misconception?
 - As a successful librarian of ten years, what do you think is the greatest guarantor of employee **well-being** at UML?
 - As a current professor at UML, what gives you the greatest amount of **joy** in the classroom every day?
 - As a student athlete at UML, which academic activities provide you with the greatest sense of **contentment** away from your sport? Why?

- IV. Please bring your typed work to class this coming Monday, March 10th, and be prepared to share your thoughts about what you have written with your classmates.

¹ Some options: ‘joy,’ ‘bliss,’ ‘contentment,’ ‘satisfaction,’ ‘enjoyment,’ ‘well-being,’ ‘delight’