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RE: Outreaching and Impacting the Twittersphere

Dear Mrs. Hays:

Nowadays many people can communicate and share their ideas and texts using the internet or other different types of mediums. One of the most popular is Twitter. I believe that you should maintain a professional Twitter account that your students could read because the possibilities are endless. However, there are two main reason I would like to address in which would persuaded you in maintaining a Twitter account. Setting up a professional Twitter account that your students can read allows you to connect with them and teaches students about different perspectives.

Article 1—Student Rights and Responsibilities says that teachers are in charge of class activity and are encouraged to free discussion and expression. Students are always online and using the internet. As a teacher, the most beneficial way to connect with your students is to have a twitter account where you can post readings related to class. This can make students more involved in class and interested. If students feel involved and interested, they will allow themselves to connect with others in the Academic Community. I am not much of a Twitter user, but occasionally I go on and check what my friends are posting. Sometimes I get to read interesting articles that I enjoy and could relate to a class I am taking which helps benefit my education. I can take a shared article and continue sharing it with others, keeping people within the Academic Community involved as well as making friends along the way. As “What I Say When My Colleagues Ask Me If They Should Be On Twitter” states, “one thing Twitter is useful for is meeting people.” Meeting people is one step that allows ourselves to find our own values and look at other ideas in different perspectives.

By having a Twitter account with students being able to read and share what they see will make them generate their own ideas. Students can learn to look into other people's ideas as well in a different perspectives. The Good Enough Professor mentions the values people discuss with one another. We can always judge a person's idea and accept it or disagree with it. However, if there is disagreement, it can help the learning process in the Academic Community and also help ourselves by finding our own values. If students did this, they would be more comfortable in sharing their beliefs without having to be protected or judged. The Good Enough Professor discusses about one's ideas, feelings, rage, and learning which is what Twitter is really made and composed of.

You are not only helping impact your students at University of Illinois, but others in the Academic community and around the world. The Twittersphere will always revolve around many people and their ideas and values. Thank you for taking the time to look over my ideas and hopefully consider maintaining a professional Twitter Account for your students.

Sincerely,
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