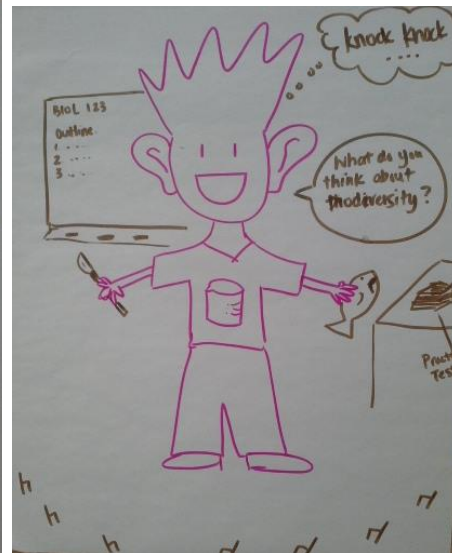
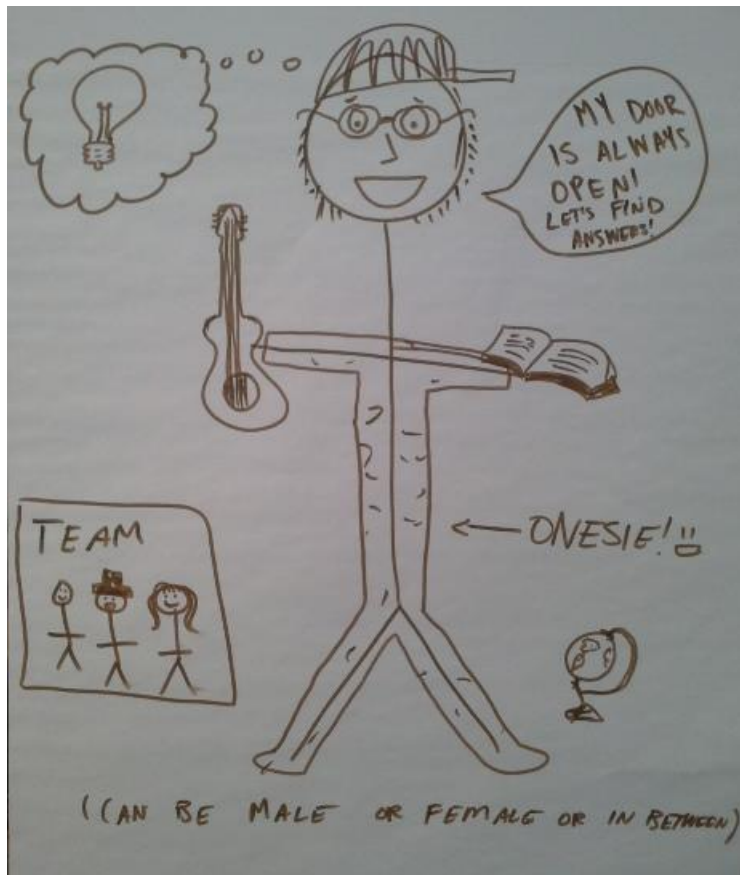


## TA qualities



- Engaging, interested in student education
- Practice examples
- Relaxed and calm
- Passionate about subject
- Being able to pass on a skill
- Set a tone for inclusivity
- Being personable
- Provide a comfortable environment
- Encouraging, sharing
- Patient and organized
- Being a team player

## Qualities of an effective teacher/TA



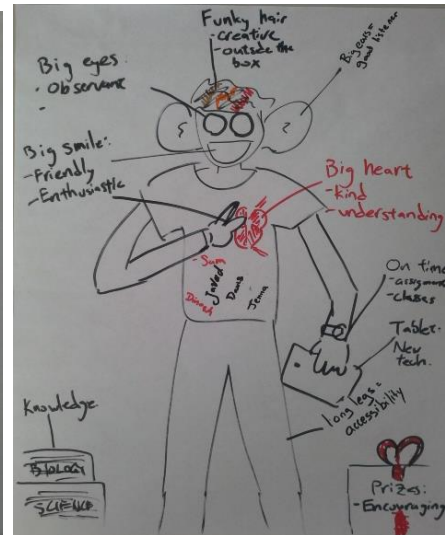
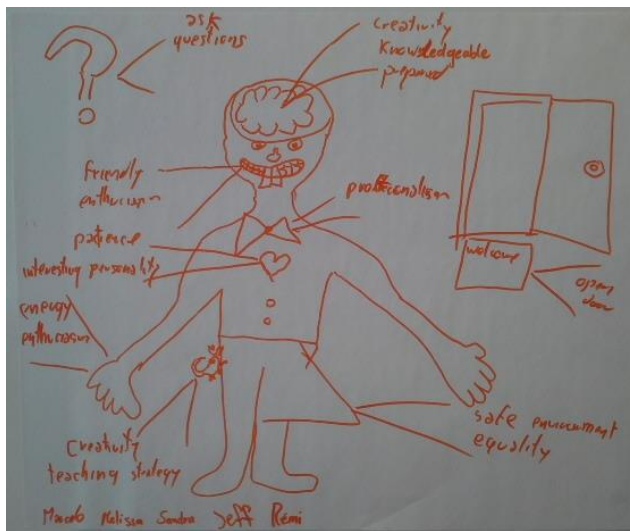
- Enthusiasm (over the top!)
- Works hard/goes out of the way to engage with students
- Teaches problem-solving, not just answers questions
- Available to students/approachable
- Uses rewards to motivate
- Puts biology into relevant context
- Interdisciplinary
- Passionate about subject
- Thinks about students' P.O.V.
- Has sense of humor
- Knowledgeable
- Works in a collaborative teaching team
- Willing to say "I don't know let's find out"

## Good TAing



- Good at explaining
- Authenticity – be yourself
- Interactive/creative
- Enthusiasm
- Supportive
- Control encouraging
- Teach with questions
- Caring
- Patient
- Knowledgeable
- Communicate
- Varied methods
- Relating complicated ideas to real life

## Characteristics of our favorite teachers/TAs



- Enthusiasm
- Accessibility/approachability/availability
- Comfortable with classroom environment
- Challenge students with good questions
- Friendly
- Explaining processes
- TAs who add in context and new content based on their own experience/ interest
- Very interesting personalities, opinions, discussions
- Creativity
- Kindness, patience
- Use different strategies to teach
- Use of good examples