

BENEFITS OF

Diversity

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DIVERSE FACULTIES

- Promote fairness
- Maximize the talent pool
- Support innovation
- Generate intellectual diversity
- Have greater success with ill-defined problems
- Improve student outcomes



WHY DIVERSE GROUPS FAIL

- ➔ Identity incongruence
- ➔ Lack of psychological safety
- ➔ Incorrect assumptions about the sources of new ideas

DEVELOPING STRONG DIVERSE GROUPS

1. Appreciate and articulate what each group member has to offer.
2. Remain open to everyone's views.
3. Create an atmosphere where people feel free to express opinions.
4. Facilitate group harmony and equal discussion.