**Developing your Teaching Philosophy Statement
WHY you teach the way you do**

Six Questions to answer to help you identify your teaching philosophy (adapted from Haave, 2014). This document is for you to use, revise, and refer to as you develop your dossier. Try freewriting – include your first thoughts (don’t edit till after).

1. Describe the best learning experience you have had as a student

2. Describe the best teaching experience you have had as an instructor

3. What are you trying to achieve in your students with your teaching?

4. Why is this important to me?

5. How do you achieve your objectives you wrote down for question #3 above?

6. Why do you use these particular teaching strategies as opposed to others that are available to you?

These questions will help you identify 2-3 key beliefs that you hold about teaching and how it relates to student learning? What matters most to you? Remember this is your belief (WHY), not a strategy (HOW)

Fill in the statement: *I believe students learn best by…*

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**These are your beliefs (2 to 3 beliefs are the foundation of your dossier)**

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