

## APPENDIX B: FOCUS GROUP SCRIPT

*Welcome and thank you for agreeing to participate in this focus group. On the questionnaire that you completed for us earlier this semester, you indicated your level of agreement or disagreement with several statements. Today I will be asking you open-ended questions regarding your responses to the statements in order to gain a deeper understanding of why you responded that way. We will project each statement up on the screen for your reference when we are addressing the statement. To be clear, I have not looked at your specific answers to the questionnaire statements.*

*For the first statement, I will call on one person to answer why s/he gave the response that s/he did. You may ask to “pass” if you do not wish to respond, and I will move to another participant. After I get a response, I will then ask the others to provide additional input. Please indicate by raising your hand if you have something to add, and I will call upon participants to get these responses. You do not have to add anything if you have nothing to add. Also I may ask some follow up questions, like “can you explain further?” or “did I understand you to say....”*

*I will then call on another person to address the second statement, etc. I will move on so on and so forth, such that everyone has an opportunity to contribute. I anticipate spending about 5-7 minutes per question in total, so we ask you to keep your responses succinct and to not dominate the discussion. We want to make sure that all participants have a chance to talk. If we have time at the end of the focus group, we can circle back to discuss specific statements more. We will end this focus group no later than 90 minutes the beginning of my first question.*

*As a reminder, this focus group is being recorded, and Daniel will also be taking notes. However, all efforts will be made by us to protect your privacy and confidentiality as described in the informed consent. Your name will not be used. Additionally, we ask each of you to NOT discuss anything about other participants and their responses outside of this focus group setting today.*

*Please look at the first statement on the screen. Participant XX, will you explain in more detail why you responded the way you did to statement #1?*

The facilitator will then ask the other participants as a group: *Do others have anything to add to regarding why you responded to statement #1 the way you did?*

Etc, etc until all statements are responded to.

Statements from the questionnaire:

1. I prefer it if UTEP DPT Program did not have an emphasis on Spanish language acquisition
2. Improving my Spanish proficiency is an important personal goal of mine
3. Improving my Spanish proficiency is an important professional goal of mine
4. I am more excited to improve my Spanish proficiency than I was at the start of the DPT Program
5. I am less excited to improve my Spanish proficiency than I was at the start of the DPT Program

6. I think that trying to improve my Spanish proficiency has interfered with my success with other DPT school work
7. I worry less about making mistakes in speaking/understanding Spanish in front of people than at the start of the DPT Program
8. I am less afraid that people will laugh at me if I don't say things right in Spanish than at the start of the DPT Program
9. I am less afraid that I will offend Spanish-speaking individuals when I speak Spanish than at the start of the DPT Program
10. Working on improving my Spanish language proficiency in the DPT Program has had personal benefits
11. Working on improving my Spanish language proficiency in the DPT Program has had professional benefits
12. I believe that I have helped my classmates improve their Spanish
13. I do not think that Spanish should ever be required in a DPT program

If there is any time left, the facilitator will ask:

*Are there any specific statements that you want to return to for further discussion, and/or do you have anything else to add that you have not already shared today about your attitudes and beliefs about learning Spanish in the DPT curriculum?*

Closing remarks:

*If you leave here and decide that you are uncomfortable with anything that you shared, please email me within 30 days. We will be happy to delete those comments from our study. And, again, we ask you to please protect the privacy and confidentiality of your colleagues here today by not discussing anything about the other participants and responses.*

*Thank you so much for your participation in this focus group!*