Some Interesting Ground Rules

• Look for the truth in what you oppose and the error in what you espouse
• Speak always for yourself and not for some group
• No personal attacks
• Be generous...at all times...without exception
• Come prepared, having done the background homework
• Check for understanding by paraphrasing
• Encourage all participants to take full mutual responsibility for the process and product

Nash, Bradley and Chickering (2008)

• Use active listening skills, letting everyone be heard
• Focus on understanding, not agreement
• Build on others’ ideas
• Critique the idea, not the person
• Don’t generalize if it is your opinion
• This is an environment for learning, and as such, people will make mis-steps. It is okay to point them out, then explore the learning.

How and where will you display them?