

Field notes - Tuesday, 4-5:30pm F15L201

Bubble Tea w/ International Students

- discussion in small groups, discuss struggles of the international student community
 - ↳ GCC related → no adequate help for international students, especially regarding OPT/CPT,
 - weak connections w/ international alumni
 - ↳ many international students don't go back for more help.
 - ↳ ResLife / winter break → lack of food, esp. when there is the one week where food not provided at all.
- nice opportunity to talk to international students who are dispersed across campus.
- boba
 - ↳ ran out really fast → telling of how popular & normalized Boba has become.
 - international students all bonding together over common food.
 - ↳ Boba popular, esp. w/ East Asian community, which is predominant international student microcommunity.
- year groups tend to dictate small group formations + shared identity
 - ↳ despite shared identity w/ international student, still group.
 - ↳ ~~the~~ familiar faces.