Table 1. *Descriptive statistics for group cohesion, sociability, and social space*

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|  | *N* | *M* | *SD* |
|  | LG | SG | LG | SG |
| Sociability | 33 | 3.65 | 4.05 | .92 | .74 |
| Social Space | 30 | 3.27 | 3.67 | .99 | .74 |
| Cohesion | 33 | 3.75 | 4.06 | .65 | .51 |

*LG = large group, SG = small group*

Table 2. *Themes emerged from students’ opinions regarding small and whole class discussions*

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|  | Theme | Frequency |
| Small Group | sensitive to member participation (timeliness in posts) (-)get to know others (+)narrow (easy) focus (+)build a history (+)engage/think more (+) | 44423 |
| Whole Class | more feedback/opinions (+)less personal (-)posts may go unread (-)lots of voice (-) | 5111 |
| Administration | group member selectionprovide a mix of whole class (beginning of semester) and small group (later in the semester) | 21 |

(+) *indicates a positive opinion,* (-) *indicates a negative opinion*