## Six (6) Rules for Project Success

- In today's competitive workplace:
  - important to be the best project member/manager you can be.
- Senior Design Project:
  - the most important experience of becoming a successful project team member
- Outlines of Six (6) ways for
  - Project success
  - Successful project team member/manager.

#### 1. KNOW THE PROBLEM AND THE SUBJECT MATTER

- Think smart: in specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-set terms.
- Focus on your end goal and talk it up with other team members.
- Be clear on what you must do.
  - Know the subject matter and the final deliverable product
  - Make sure you have the needed technology and resources.
  - Study/Investigate/Know the entire subject areas of the project
- Ask your supervisor (advisor) to clarify details if necessary.

# 2. CREATE TEAM ENVIRONMENT( = <u>Together</u> <u>Everyone</u> <u>Achieves</u> <u>More</u>)

- Create an environment that <u>encourages</u> teamwork.
- Create an <u>open atmosphere</u>, be fair and straightforward, show respect, be enthusiastic, give a lot of praise, and trust team members.
- But do not demand; but provide.

#### 4. PLAN and EXECUTION

- Good planning and knowing where you're going is 80 percent of your project's success, while the other 20 percent is the actual work.
- The plan should include a project map with a list of all team members, individual responsibilities.
- Plan for the break: may make or break your project.
- Follow the plan

#### 5. MEET OFTEN BUT EFECTIVELY

- Book your meetings on your calendar.
- Schedule your meetings on the <u>same day of the</u> week, in the <u>same place</u> with <u>the same people</u>, although it is occasionally useful to invite others to gain different perspectives.
- Keep meetings to one hour at most.
- Keep the meetings simple.
- Use <u>agendas</u> and reports, and distribute meeting minutes for task assignment

#### 6. BE A ROLE MODEL

- Lead by example.
- Having a <u>spirited team</u> helps because happy people ultimately do more work.
- You should be goal-oriented, flexible yet firm, and realistic.
- You also should communicate effectively and be a good planner.

#### 7. LEARN FROM FAILURE

- In each sprint, draw conclusion and closure and mark a period.
- Celebrate the results if you're successful or discuss how to do better in the next sprint if you fail.
- Always review <u>lessons learned</u> with your team members.
  - How did we do?
  - What worked well?
  - Any advice for the next sprint?
  - Why did we fail?
  - Was it us or was it something we could not foresee?

# Resources: Parts/Components

- Teams with resources not yet available
- Finalization of procurement of the parts and components