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Re: Evaluation of DM534 in 14:

I taught the course, DM534, Introduction to Computer Science, in the fall semester of 2014, together with Rolf Fagerberg. This is a first-year course, so course evaluations were performed. In the middle of the course, we did an in-class "sandwich" evaluation, where we asked the students for comments about what was good about the course and about what could be improved, along with asking them about which topics they liked. This was done electronically, so afterwards the students could vote on what they agreed with. This led to the change that Rolf Fagerberg translated the remainder of the assignment descriptions to Danish. The final evaluation was a typical questionaire, and 19 of the students filled out evaluation forms. This is not many.

On the final evaluation there were unfortunately a couple of students who did not like the course much, but generally there did not seem to be much reason to change much. One student commented that the lectures followed the textbook too exactly, but this actually varied a lot. There were also some very positive comments which we appreciated. The answer to the questions about the required attendance did not give us any reason to change this new requirement in the course. Although some students liked having two lecturers, this will not be possible next year, but there will be two to three guest lecturers.

Overall the evaluation of DM526 is positive and gives no indication that there should be major changes to the course. I have planned a few minor improvements, including (1) referring to the appendix in their textbook for another course for how to write pseudocode and (2) making it clearer to the students that using material from the

textbook or slides with minor changes is good and not cheating.

Sincerely,

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