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Re: Evaluation of DM553:

The course, DM508, Complexity and Computability, taught by Joan Boyar, was offered in the spring of the 2016. Since it is a third year course for computer science students, a course evaluation was performed at the end of the course. Only 7 students filled out evaluation forms, though more than twenty students signed up for the course. A summary of the responses has been prepared and is attached.

The evaluation of DM553, shows that the students generally thought that the course was difficult. In fact, this material is difficult for most students; it is more theoretical than most of their courses. I was, however, surprised that some students claimed to spend so many hours on the course. I hope that those who chose to mark the larger amounts of time were considering the time during their maximum week, rather than average. Otherwise, at least two of the answers are inconsistent with six of the seven students saying that the workload in this course was average compared to other courses. There were four assignments during the course.

Overall the evaluation of DM553 indicates that the course ran well and gives no indication that major changes in the course should be made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joan Boyar'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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