

Here is a summary of the first workshop:

The last workshop held last week was about 'How to Deal with Students'. We had professor Rich Christie who participates during the workshop.

Handout that was given:

- Tips On Lecturing: This list was compiled mainly from 'Effective Teaching: A Workshop' by Richard M. Felder.

Discussion agendas:

1. How to draw students out and get more participation from them
  - We discussed what would be the possible causes that inhibit the students from participating in the class and one of the reasons that came up was that most students consider being questioned in class as a set up for them to look ignorant in public.
  - One solution that was proposed by professor Christie is to ask a question, have the students work in groups of three to four to come up with the solution and then call several groups to share the results.
2. We then discussed some effective teaching methods which is
  - Teach them how to think and solve the problems not just telling the answers (avoid students asking for homework hints).
  - Socratic method: Teaching by asking instead of telling
  - Active Learning: Instead of letting the students listen to the whole lecture, TA should use the teaching methods which require active involvement from the students.
  - Expecting/being well prepared for the questions during quiz/lab/office hours

If you have any questions about the first workshop or would like to have a handout, feel free to contact me by email or in person.

I hope to see you all during the next workshop (Nov 4<sup>th</sup>). This time we will have some Asian food for everyone who participates ☺.

Have a great week