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Course Report

Course(s)

- Philosophy of Science I, FIVE10-10874 7.5 hp

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Department

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35

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Description of changes, and potential decisions already made to make such changes, since the course was last given.

I took over this course for this offering and made some minor-to-moderate changes to the course throughout. These included: small changes to the additional readings for two of the course sessions; new lecture slides reflecting a slight difference in emphasis to the existing material throughout; and other changes reflecting minor differences in teaching style (as far as I can tell this mainly amounted to slightly more time lecturing in place of group activities).

The strengths of the course according to the students.

(summary based on quantitative results, text responses from the survey and any other evaluation during the course)

Overall the evaluations suggest a high degree of satisfaction from course participants (e.g. 90% agree/strongly agree on satisfaction question, with 10% not answering that question; and everyone agreeing/strongly agreeing that both the course content was relevant to them achieving the learning goals, and that the teaching helped them achieve the learning outcomes). In the qualitative comments, participants reported particular satisfaction with the way in which my teaching contributed to their engagement in the material.

The weaknesses of the course according to the students

(summary based on quantitative results, text responses from the survey and any other evaluation during the course)

There were numerous qualitative comments concerning the timing of the sessions (introduce more sessions to allow for more detailed discussion of material, spend less time in back-and-forth discussions with individuals, etc.).

The teachers' analysis of the implementation and results of the course.

In the main I am happy with the way in which this course offering went, and I am particularly happy with the attitude of the students towards the style/structure of the sessions themselves. One lesson to take away is that I need to manage expectations about the session timings. I often found I had material 'left over' and I couldn't cover everything in the time allotted. Framing the meetings in terms of 'we'll get through what we get through, but we will never manage to cover everything' should mitigate concerns about the session timings.

Conclusions and suggestions for possible changes to the course and any decisions already made to develop the course.

See above.

Other comments

See above.