CMU 18-447: Introduction to Computer Architecture

Mid-Semester Feedback for Course Staff

Due: Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012

(not graded; for our information only)

In order to get a sense of how the course style and content is working for you, the students, we would like to solicit some feedback. Now that we are nearly two months in, we want to know: how is the pace, and how is the lecture style? Are the labs too difficult or too easy? What is working and what isn't working? Please feel free to give any feedback, and feel free to turn this sheet in anonymously. We want your honest feedback so that we can continue to do the best possible job of conveying the fundamentals of computer architecture.

Q. 1. Course pace: How is the pace of the course in general, in your opinion? Are we moving too slowly or too quickly?

Q. 2. Course workload: How heavy is the overall workload in the course? Too heavy, too light, or just the right amount?

Q. 3. Lectures: How are the lectures? Do you have any feedback on how we could improve in offering lectures on the material?

Q. 4. Homeworks: How difficult are the homeworks? Do they seem to match the course content well? Are they confusing at all, or do you find them straightforward? What could we do differently to improve the learning value of the homeworks?

Q. 5. Lab Assignments: How do you find the labs? Are they what you had expected? Or do you wish we were focusing on something else? Do you have feedback on the difficulty or length of the labs?

Q. 6. Discussion Sections: Are the discussion sections (lab sections) useful? Do you wish that the TAs went over more material? Different material? Would you rather that the discussion sections be at different times?

Q. 7. Are you finding that the course material is what you had expected? Is there anything else you wish that we would cover?

Q. 8. If there were two things in the course you could change, what would they be? Please explain.

Q. 9. Do you have any other feedback for the course staff?