

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
BROOKLYN COLLEGE (CUNY)

Report on Observation of Teaching

Observed Thomas Hagner

Observer Chun Wang

Rank GIF

Signature Chun Wang

Course and Section ECN3410

Time Tuesday Date 10/27/15

Math Econ
11th 9:30-10:45

Knowledge of Subject Matter

- ☒ Profoundly informed, obvious evidence of scholarship
- ☐ Well informed, quite adequate knowledge
- ☐ Moderately well informed, routine and ordinary
- ☐ Usually informed; occasionally not
- ☐ Poorly informed, inadequate knowledge

Organization of Subject Matter

- ☒ Systematic and thorough organization
- ☐ Adequate, fairly well organized
- ☐ Existing plan but easily diverted
- ☐ Excessively rigid (over-organized)
- ☐ Confused, disorganized

Appropriateness of Subject Matter

- ☒ Topic and level appropriate for this course
- ☐ Topic and level inappropriate

Ability to Explain

- ☒ Clear, precise, to the point
- ☐ Generally clear; occasionally vague
- ☐ Mixed: partly adequate, partly inadequate
- ☐ Generally inadequate
- ☐ Explanation seldom offered, lecture incoherent

Encouragement to Thinking

- ☐ Stimulates independent, critical thought
- ☐ Allows for independent thought, some effort to stimulate
- ☐ Routine, not much effort
- ☐ Discouraging, rote treatment

Speaking Ability

- ☒ Skilled, excellent presentation
- ☐ Good, generally adequate
- ☐ Presentation weak; occasionally unclear, boring
- ☐ Poor technique, serious handicap to presentation

Attitude Toward Students

- ☒ Interested, helpful, sensitive
- ☐ Moderately responsive to students
- ☐ Condescending attitude toward students
- ☐ Impersonal but not hostile
- ☐ Hostile, antagonistic and sharp

Response of Students

- ☒ Enthusiastic, high morale
- ☐ Good, students generally involved
- ☐ Mixed; some signs of boredom, alienation
- ☐ Low morale, lack of desire to participate

On a separate sheet, elaborate on the judgements made above. Give specific examples and suggestions for improvement.

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Summary of Discussion:

Thomas has been a consistent excellent instructor for Math Econ. He knows the materials very well & is very organized. He discussed exponential function, logarithmic function, and system of linear equations in today's lecture. Thomas uses a lot of numerical examples to help students grasp the abstract concept & the connection b/w exponential & logarithmic function. He always checks if students follow him ~~at~~ closely. When students raise questions, Thomas responded patiently & make sure students get the point. He also gave applications after laying out the properties of logarithmic functions.

Overall, Thomas is a well-qualified instructor for Econ ~~of~~ courses & a great asset to Econ department.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Signed _____

Observer

I understand that my signature means only that I have read this memorandum and that I may attach any comments I wish.

Faculty Member's Signature _____

Date _____

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