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Nomination for Dean's Awards for Excellence in Tutoring: Kelvin Yuan-Shuo Hsu

My name is Dr. Jason Chan (winner of the 2010 Dean's Award for Excellence in Tutoring for the Faculty and 2012 Dean's Award for Teaching for the School of IT) and as the lecturer and course-coordinator of ENGG1801 Engineering Computing, I nominate Kelvin Yuan-Shuo Hsu for the Dean's Award for Excellence in Tutoring.

In the mid-semester UoS surveys (run by the School of IT) as well as the end of semester UoS survey (run by ITL) since semester 1, 2013 (when Kelvin began tutoring ENGG1801), Kelvin has always had very strong positive comments, without a single negative comment at all.

In particular, many students cited that Kelvin got them to think because he would guide them towards the solution without actually giving the answers to them. Others cited that he was a very generous and patient, and able to go around the lab and answer everyone's questions. Many students commented that they were able to understand complicated concepts easily because of Kelvin's very clear explanations and presentation style. Kelvin's overwhelmingly positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning is clearly felt by students.

Our unit of study has excellent tutors, as evidenced by our UoS Survey results from 2016, where we scored 4.41 for the question "Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of the teaching by the teacher(s)" (92.5% of student selecting "Agree", worth 4, or "Strongly Agree", worth 5). This is a fantastic result for a course with nearly 1000 enrolled students and 15 tutors.

Yet even amongst this excellent standard of tutors, the very high quantity of positive comments, without a single negative comment, as well as how enthusiastically positive those comments are about Kelvin, suggests to me that Kelvin is one of my best tutors of all time, even better than previous tutoring award winners.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jason Chan
ENGG1801 Engineering Computing UoS Coordinator in 2017