

CE 104 Civil Engineering Projects Spring 2008

Comments on assignment 1

1. As long as the groups are fairly comprehensive in their expectations, I am fine with whatever they decided. If your group said that members will put forth their best effort, be sure you can determine what the best effort is. Also, keep in mind that all members will be responsible for all material (e.g., on the exams). Make sure everyone understands all answers or responses.
2. In the scenario with Lars, Thor, and Gunnar, Gunnar is a loose cannon (get it?). The problems include the conflict and disagreement between the members and violating the rules of the class by submitting two solutions. Groups suggested ways to improve the communication between the three. If these attempts fail to resolve the conflict, they can ask for ideas from the professor.

In the case with Mandy and Ryne, Mandy is worried about the “ringer”, or team member of high ability, in the other group. She needs to trust her group and remember that the professor is the “ultimate ringer”; she can always go to him or her for help. In CE 104, you can work with anyone you want, but you must also work with your group and submit one solution with your group.

3. Groups presented interesting examples—many parents, relatives, coaches, teachers, band directors, and commanders. Certain famous figures appeared frequently: George W. Bush, Martin Luther King Jr., Jesus Christ, Adolf Hitler, and other world leaders. Some groups did not give concrete evidence for how the leadership “law” applied to the person, and some did not give different laws for each person. Otherwise, the examples and discussion were quite interesting to read.