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Dear Terry,

In light of the most recent week of classes, we would like to express to you some reasons for our discontent. You constantly keep the class guessing about the material we will be accountable for. No one knows when the material will be posted. To highlight this, the lab videos for the geophyte lab that was initially scheduled for three weeks ago are being finished up an hour or two before class. By doing this a lot of stress is created for the people who need to finish watching the videos the night before class because of conflicts in the morning, as well as people who like to be prepared for class by watching/reading the material before getting there. We think as a solution, the videos should be shortened by only talking about directly relevant information to the lab and posted at least a day in advance.

Additionally, students are worried about the lack of in-class instruction. We are feeling like you are making everything up as you go and it doesn't seem beneficial for most people's learning. For example, you used an entire class period for us all to make up questions for the test. While we understand this was meant to be a review, since we only got through one question from each group, it seemed more like a waste of time. We understand that you are trying to make this course interesting and unique, but for us it has become a source of more unnecessary stress than it is worth.

We appreciate your effort and sincerely hope you will take our concerns seriously because we can tell how passionate and experienced you are in this topic. By bringing this up we only hope to enhance the experience for everyone involved.

Thank you,

Concerned students