Project Advising

- MQP, IQP look just like projects you’ve done before
  - e.g. Ph.D. research, job experience

- MQPs are **unlike** any projects you’ve done before
  - Get a result (product)
  - Teach a process
    - Teamwork, communication, design, …

- Get a project advising mentor
  - Find someone in your department
    ( … who has advised award winning projects)
  - Co-advise a project with them
Project Grading

• Never give an A the first term!
• Different grades to team members if warranted
• Short (1 paragraph) narrative e-mail to each student explaining grade, path to improvement next term
• Make it as much like a course as possible
  – Hand out criteria, procedures at first meeting
• Week-to-Week (Nicoletti)
  – At the end of each weekly meeting, identify 15 hours of work for each team member
  – At beginning of meeting, compare work done to last week’s goal; assign grade
  – No surprises at end of term
• End of Project (Vaz)
  – Confidential form on process issues, relative contribution level of partners