

RE: Questionnaires for ENGH 0890 and ENGH 0990: Representative Sampling

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Eric Wilding of Institutional Research phoned this morning. He provided me with the following information:

Fall 2003 ENGH 0890: 192 students were enrolled, not counting Ws and UWs, as compared to 210 when Ws and UWs were counted.

Fall 2003 ENGH 0990: 405 students were enrolled, not counting Ws and UWs, as compared to 475 when Ws and UWs were counted.

This information changes the table, originally in the February 4th memo, in the following way:

	Eligible Students	Number Needed for Representative Sampling	Actual Student Participants	Representative sampling?
ENGH 0890 Spring 2003	130 (no Ws or UWs)	97	98	Yes.
ENGH 0990 Spring 2003	341 (no Ws or UWs)	180	237	Yes.
ENGH 0890 Summer 2003	35 (no Ws or UWs)	32	27	No.
ENGH 0990 Summer 2003	97 (no Ws or UWs)	75	63	No.
ENGH 0890 Fall 2003	192 (no Ws and UWs)	127	121	No.
ENGH 0990 Fall 2003	405 (no Ws and UWs)	196	273	Yes.

Because of difficulties that we know, the Department of Basic Composition has failed 50% of the time to gain a representative sampling regarding the response rate and administration of the questionnaire. As you had suggested at the faculty meeting yesterday, perhaps we will do better in the future.