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Dear M Whytock

**Official information request for information related to the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science**

I refer to your official information request dated 28 May 2019:

1. May I please have a breakdown of all students enrolled in a degree run by the Faculty of Engineering (interested primarily in BEng(Hons) and BSc). May I please have total student numbers, and student numbers broken down by degree and major (e.g. 2017 1000 students total, 600 doing a BEng in software, 300 doing a BSc in CompSci, etcetc).

Please find the requested information attached.

2. May I also have a grade distribution breakdown for papers ENGR121 and ENGR122 for the history of the courses e.g. ENGR121 2017 A+ 5, A 3, A- 10.... 2016 A+ 2, A 7, A- 4....

Please find the requested information attached. Please note, the University can only provide grade distribution data that is held in a system called Banner. Therefore, we have provided all requested information that is held in Banner which goes back until 2014.

3. I would also like to know for the numbers of failing grades, the number of students who retook the paper, number of students who drop out of uni directly after failing, and number of students who switch majors/degrees directly after failing the paper (for each year in history of the paper). e.g ENGR121 2017 total failing grades: 25, number of retakers: 17, number of uni dropouts: 2, number of major/degree switchers: 6

The number of students who enrolled in ENGR121 and 122 who received a failing grade can be found in the attached information. The remaining information requested cannot be provided by the University. The information you are seeking in this case is not held by the University but would need to be created in order to respond to your request. For the University to provide this information, highly skilled staff would be required to undergo complex work writing scripts and performing multiple separate analyses. I am therefore refusing this portion of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act

1982 (the Act) as the University does not hold any official information relevant to this request.

4. May I also please have any data you have pertaining to the dropout rates of ENGR121/ENGR122 for the history of the courses - numbers of students who were enrolled and dropped out of the paper, a distribution of what stage of the course they dropped out in (maybe timeline can be week 0-2, week2-6, week6+. I would also like to know the number of students who after dropping ENGR121 or 122 switch degrees/majors or drop out of uni directly after dropping out of the course. This would be for each year in the history of the course too. e.g ENGR121 2017 no. of course drops: 19, weeks0-2:12, weeks 2-6: 5, week 6+: 2, no of uni dropouts: 3, no of major switches: 13)

The number of students who enrolled in ENGR121 and 122 that either withdrew from the course, or later dropped out of the course, can be found in the attached information. The remaining information requested cannot be provided by the University. As stated previously, the information you are seeking in this case is not held by the University but would need to be created in order to respond to your request. I am therefore refusing this portion of your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) as the University does not hold any official information relevant to this request.

5. In addition, (I know this may not be possible due to privacy reasons) do you have any statistics as to what courses people switch into after dropping these courses e.g. 50% of people who drop ENGR121 will switch into MATH151, or can you provide any data that would allow me to analyse and extract this kind of statistics.”

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at [georgia.tawharu@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:georgia.tawharu@vuw.ac.nz) or 04 463 5249.

Yours sincerely



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