

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
The University of Texas at Austin

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Rusykevich

Per our conversation

For your information

For your approval

For your signature

For discussion

Please return

Per your request

For your file

Please respond

Please see me

REMARKS:

Signature Hugh Strange

Date 2 April 86

E 306 Student Survey Fall 1985

Purpose and Procedure:

During our research of both E 306 proposals, we realized that those who were trying to establish a student position on the issue were, themselves unfamiliar with the courses. Thus, we sent out surveys to 835 of the approximately 1600 students who took E 306 in the fall of 1985.

The participants were selected on a random basis, and survey cards were sent to the student's permanent address over the semester break. Of the 835 mailed out, we 257 were returned. The sample below thus represents approximately 16% of the students enrolled in the program in Fall 1985. We have been assured by the Measurement and Evaluation Center, that these statistics are reliable.

Response:

Part A: Classification

<u>Major</u>	<u>Percent %</u>
Undecided	6.7
Business	31.3
Engineering	18.6
Education	3.5
Liberal Arts	9.9
Communication	7.5
Natural Science	18.2
Fine Arts	0.4
Social	0.4
Pharmacy	1.2
Nursing	1.6

Of the students responding to the questionnaire, 95% were in their first semester at UT, 3% were in their second semester, and the remaining 2% were equally divided between 3-4 semesters.

Additionally, of the students responding, 91% were freshman, 2% were sophomores, and 7% of the respondents did not give information in this area.

Questions

1. E 306 helped me improve my writing skills.

YES 77.3% NO 22.7%

2. E 306 is a remedial course.

YES 30.9% NO 69.1%

3. This course will benefit me throughout my college career.

YES 77.7% NO 22.3%

4. The placement test for E 306 accurately evaluated my writing abilities.

YES 29.5% NO 70.5%

5. I plan to complete me degree at U.T.

YES 95.3% NO 4.7%

6. E 306 should be taught at the university if it is going to be required for graduation.

STRONGLY AGREE

1
80.9

2
15.1

3
2.0

4
1.6

STRONGLY DISAGREE

5
0.4

7. Texas high schools should be responsible for preparing students for college writing requirements.

1
46.0

2
37.4

3
7.1

4
5.5

5
4.0

8. The University English ^{Dept.} should develop its' own "in-house" examination.

1
27.4

2
25.8

3
35.8

4
8.5

5
2.5

9. The grade I received in this class was:

A 27.6

B 48.1

C 22.9

D 0.8

F 0.4