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By email: [fyi-request-21792-49841896@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-21792-49841896@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Whom It May Concern

I refer to your information request dated 10 February 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You have requested mark and grade distributions of the ANAT336, NEUR303 and PHSL342 papers offered by the University of Otago from 2019 – 2022.

Subject to the following comments, please see attached the mark and grade distributions you have requested. Please note that there are four pages in the attached spreadsheet (one for each year).

- on occasions where fewer than five individuals have failed a paper (i.e. received a grade of Fail D or Fail E), we have determined that it is necessary to withhold the marks and specific grades for these students to protect their privacy and wellbeing. We consider that withholding this information is necessary to protect against the identity of these students being determined or inferred, and their personal information (i.e. their marks) could be disclosed. We therefore withhold this information pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act. We consider that good reasons exist for withholding this information, and this is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.
- please note that all final grades for papers completed in Semester 1 2020 were increased by 5 marks to account for disruptions created by COVID-19. In Semester 2 2020, final grades of 47, 48 or 49 were bumped up to 50 (pass) for the same reason.
- we also note that ANAT336 was offered in Semester 1 and Semester 2 in 2019 and 2020.
- in the attached grade and mark distributions, we note that students who withdrew from the papers are excluded from the data.

I trust that this information will be helpful.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your information request, section 28(3) of the Act provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.

Yours sincerely

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