



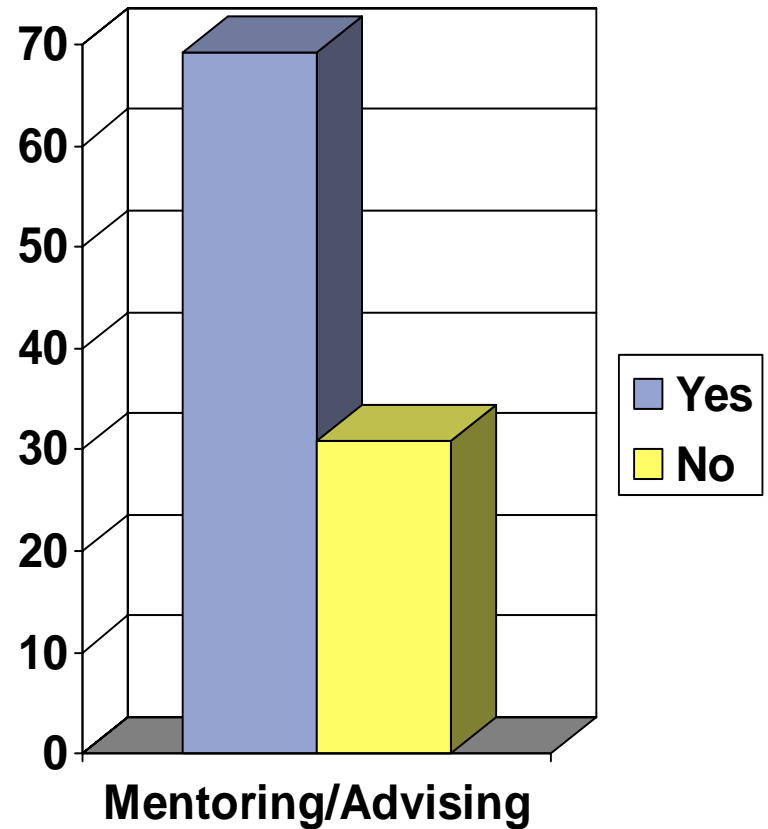
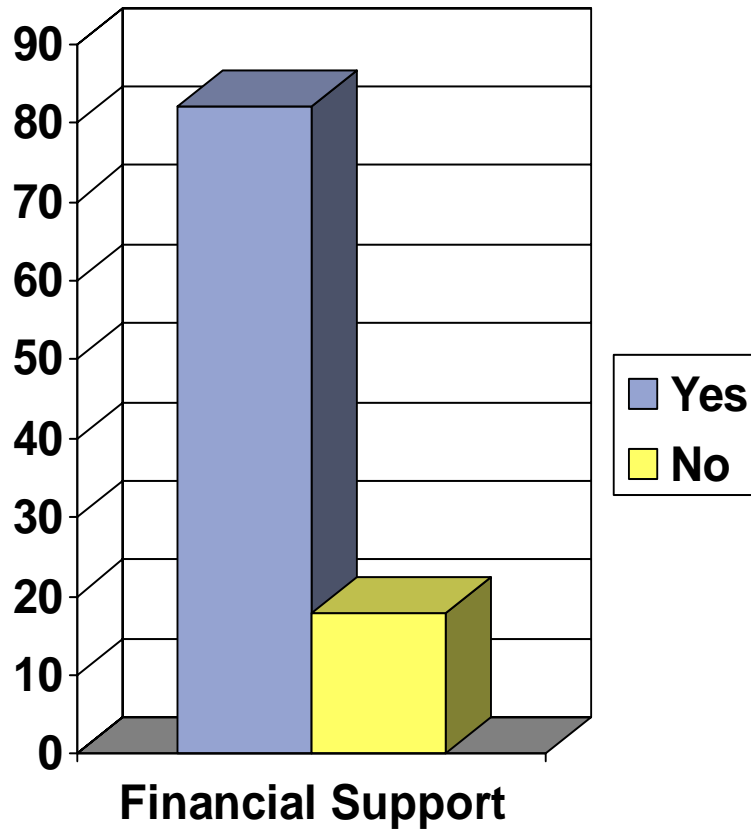
Council of Graduate Schools

Doctoral Candidates
Exit Survey
2005 Data

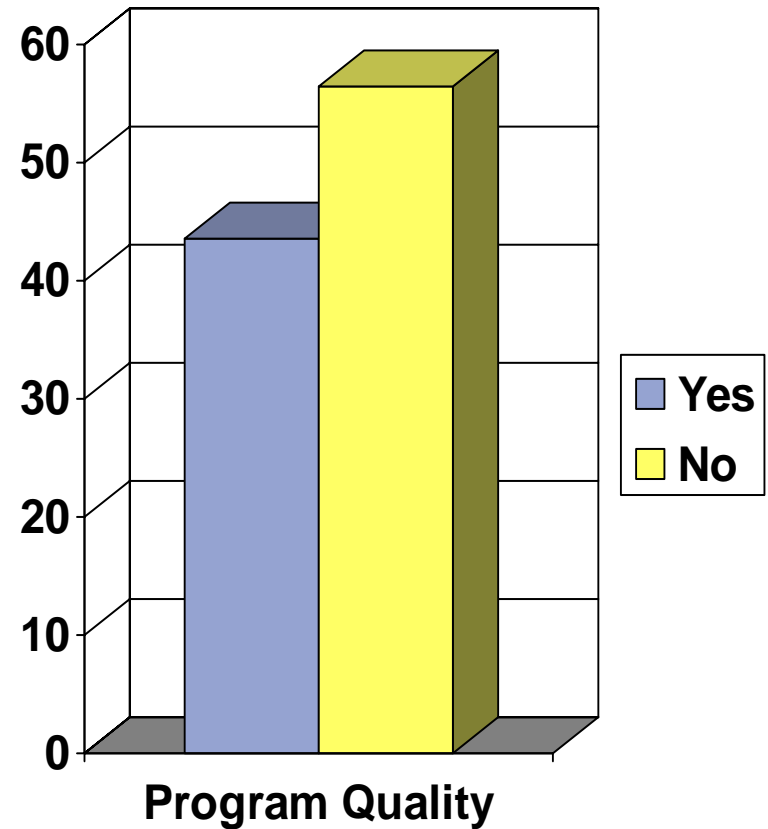
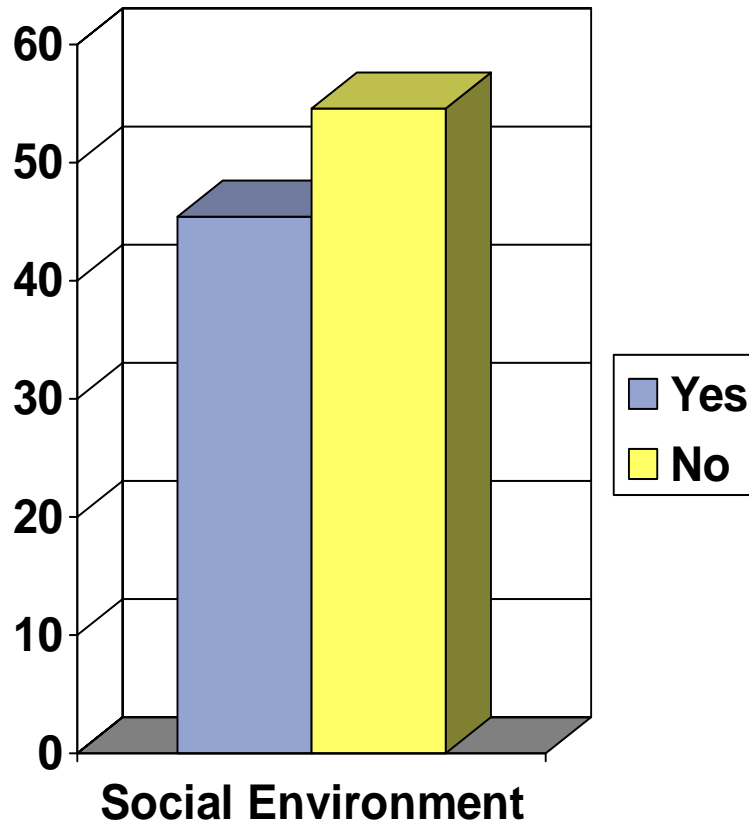
Spring Exit Survey

- Survey sent to PhD students who filled out an online Degree Completion Card
- May and August Degree Candidates targeted
- Survey Monkey Used

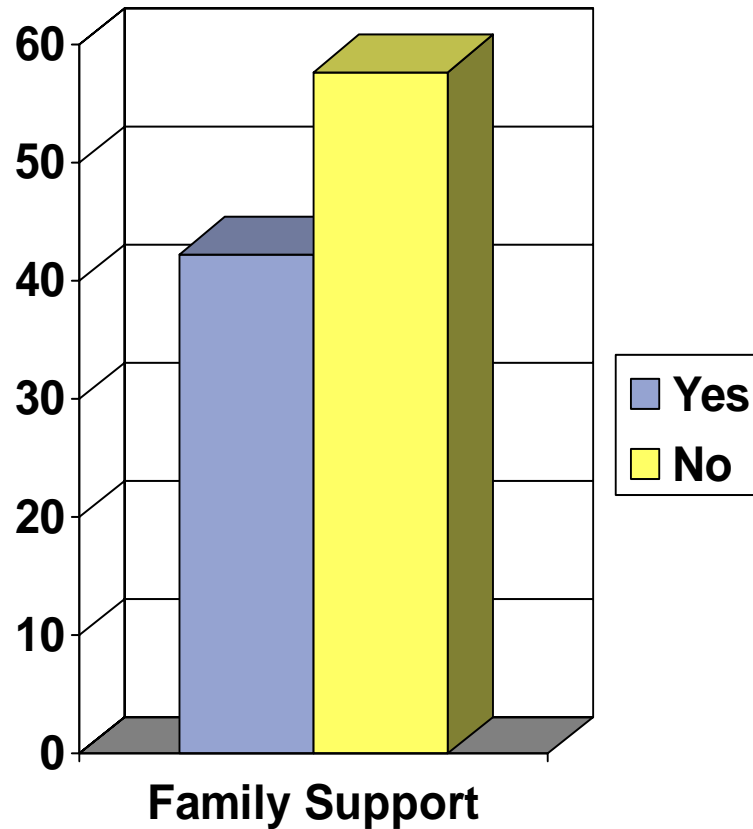
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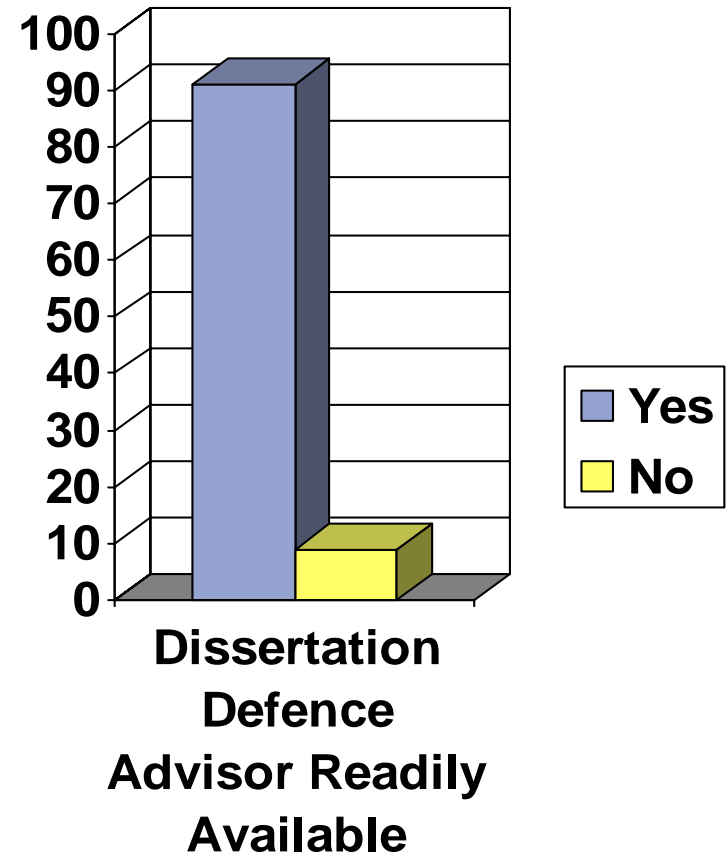
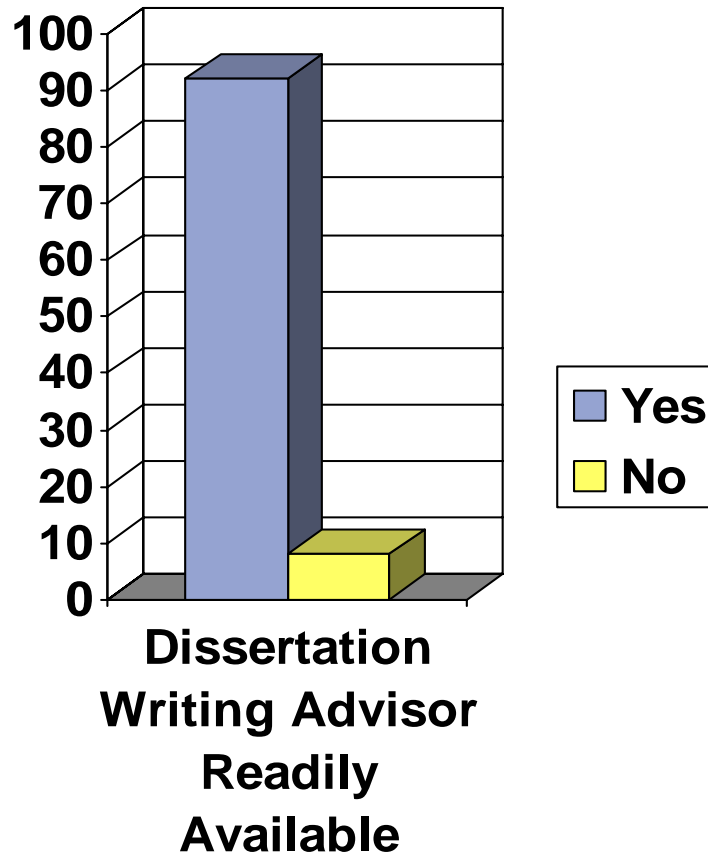
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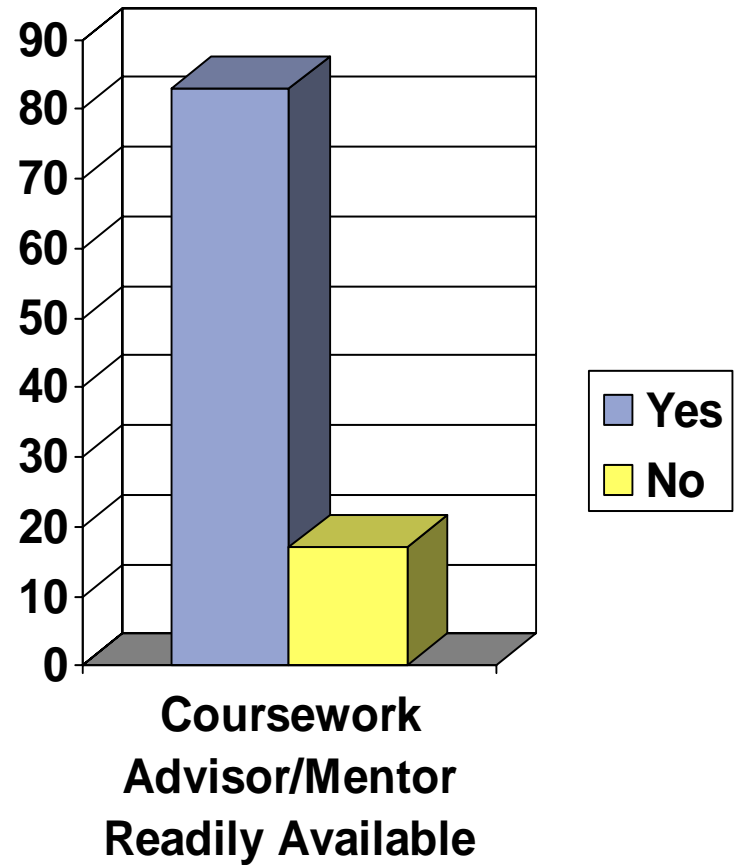
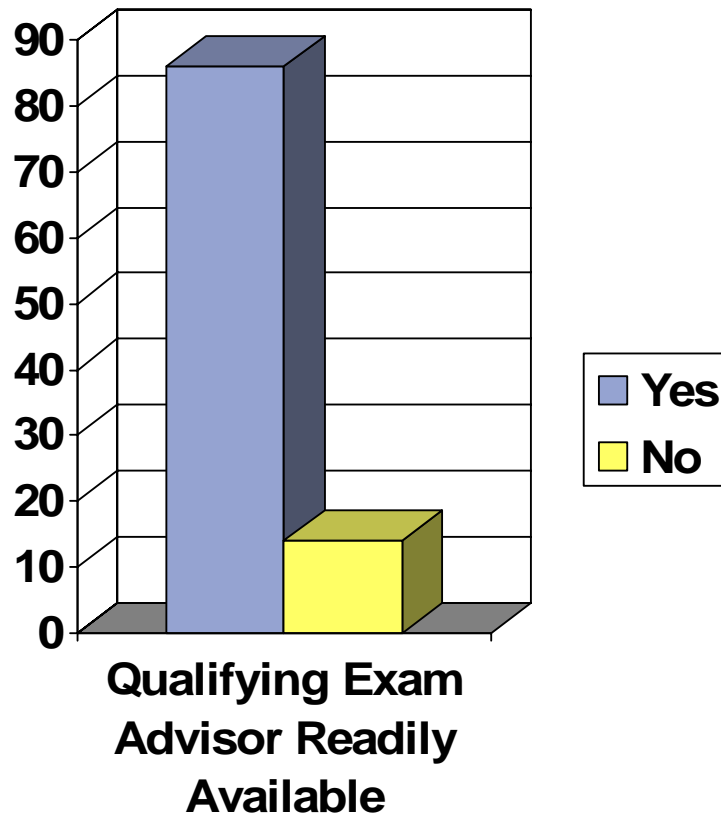
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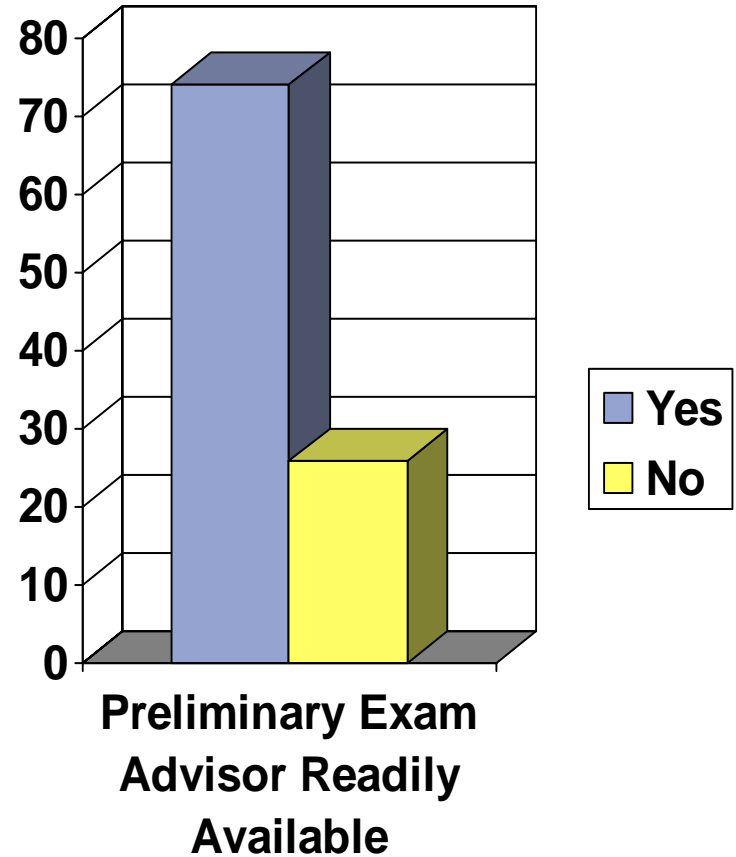
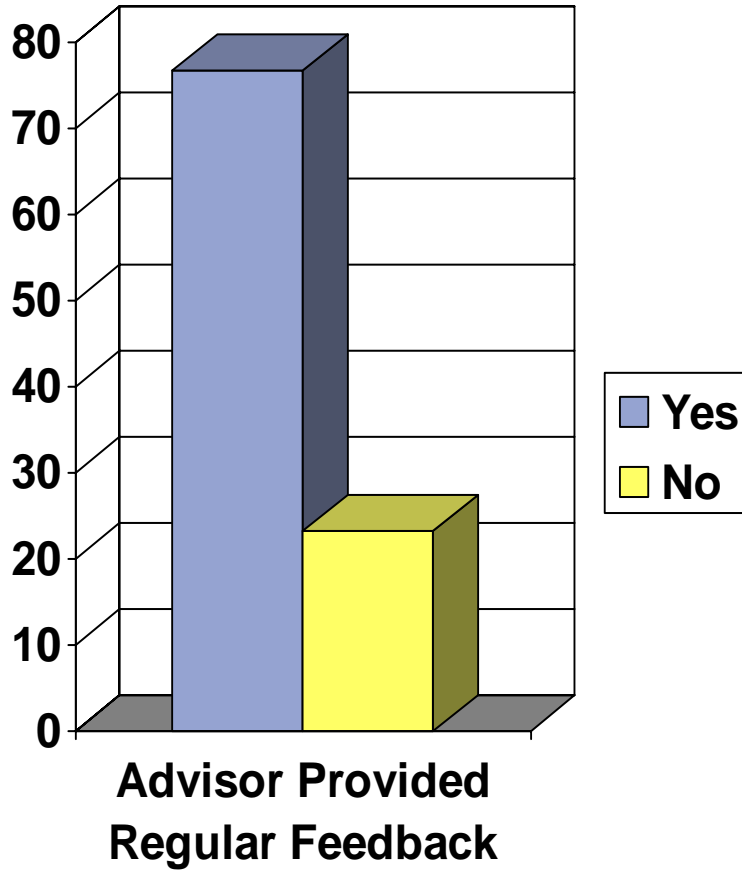
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Dissertation Retreat

- Idea generated from dissertation “Boot Camps” described in Chronicle of Higher Education
- Modeled on Creative Writing Retreat Centers

2005 Dissertation Retreat

- Students' Transportation, Accommodations, and Meals covered by grant
- Held at Wells College, a small liberal arts college located in a rural area 20 miles from Ithaca
- Week of intensive writing and group discussion

Dissertation Retreat

Year One Results

- Out of 10 Participants
- One Defense
- Two Anticipated this Fall (06)

Second Retreat with 10 new participants
scheduled for the first week of August

Student Retreat Testimonials

- Before last year's retreat, I was indeed wondering if I could pull this off at all, as it seemed so huge and overwhelming. But, strategizing about the writing process with the help of experts and peers, and having the chance to be removed from all the pressures and stresses of real life and be given the space to conceptualize the project for just one week was immensely helpful in building my confidence regarding this work. By the end of this summer, I will have a full draft and intend to defend the dissertation in the fall.
- The year has gone very well for me and my writing flow that had been jump-started during last year's retreat continues at a good pace.
- Without the support of the retreat last summer, and the help of Keith Hjortshoj, who continues to read my work and offer some structure to the process, I cannot say that I would be at this point.

New Initiatives in Development

- Best Practices in Graduate Student Advising and Mentoring Workshop (workshops, FAQ brochure)
- How to Work Effectively with an Advisor (workshops, brochure/booklet)
- New Graduate Faculty Orientation (workshop, handouts)