Dealing with withdrawals

This situation can cause collapse of a group and can leave the students distressed and potentially unable to complete the set tasks. The decision of what to do will depend on the timing of the withdrawals and the nature of the task.

If the withdrawals occur early in the project, it may be possible to reallocate the remaining students to other groups. This will require negotiation and discussion on how the groups can be combined.

If the change occurs late in the project, you could allow the smaller group to complete the task or a modification of it. It may be necessary to truncate the project to contain fewer components or less detail.

If possible, avoid forming groups until you feel that class composition has settled and students have decided on their final choices of Unit of Study.