

## 2009-2010 CSS Survey Changes

### Items Deleted (Numbering reflects 2008-2009 College Senior Survey)

#### **1. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Very satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied, Can't Rate, Don't Know*

- Computer facilities and services
- Availability of Internet access
- Student housing office/services
- Financial aid office
- Opportunities for community service
- Leadership opportunities
- Recreational facilities

#### **5. Since entering college, indicate how often you:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not At All*

- Received course assignments electronically
- Turned in course assignments electronically
- Used the Internet:
  - To read blogs
  - To blog
  - To read news sites

#### **6. Since entering college have you:**

(Mark yes or no for each item)

*Response options: Yes, No*

- Participated in ethnic/racial student organization
- Voted in the 2008 presidential election

#### **9. During the past year, how much time did you spend during a typical week doing the following activities?**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response categories: Hours per week: None, Less than one hour, 1-2, 3-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, Over 20*

- Reading for pleasure
- Playing video/computer games
- Surfing the Internet

#### **11. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree*

- Faculty here are interested in students personal problems
- There is strong competition amongst most of the students for high grades
- Faculty feel that most students here are well-prepared academically

**12. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied*

Interaction with other students

Size of student population

**13. For the activities listed below, please indicate how often you engaged in each during the past year.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not At All*

Felt lonely or homesick

Socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group

Participated in student protests or demonstrations

Contributed money to a political campaign

**14. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%*

Persistence

**16. Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Essential, Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important*

Having administrative responsibility for the work of others

**17. To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own?**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Very Often, Often, Sometimes, Seldom, Never*

Attended events sponsored by other racial/ethnic groups

**18. How often have professors at your college provided you with:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at all*

Respect (treated you like a peer)

**19. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly*

The death penalty should be abolished

It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships

Wealthy people should pay a larger share of taxes than they do now

Affirmative action in college admissions should be abolished

The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution

Undocumented immigrants should be denied access to public education

Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society

Addressing global warming should be a federal priority

Colleges should prohibit racist/sexist speech on campus

The federal government is not doing enough to control environmental pollution  
Through hard work, everybody can succeed in American society

**22. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations?**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Essential, Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important*

Limited working hours

Discovery/advancement of knowledge

**23. What do you plan to be doing in fall 2009?**

(Mark all that apply)

Working in a science/math/technology related field

Working in a humanities/social science related field

**33. Do you give the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) permission to include your ID number should your college request the data for additional research analyses? HERI maintains strict standards of confidentiality and would require your college to sign a pledge of confidentiality.**

Yes

No

(ENTIRE QUESTION)

**Items Added/Restored (Numbering reflects 2008-2009 College Senior Survey)**

**5. Since entering college, indicate how often you:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not At All*

Accessed your campus' library resources electronically

Worked with classmates on group projects:

During class

Outside of class

Took a class that required:

One or more 10+ page papers

Multiple short papers

Made a presentation in class

Contributed to class discussions

Helped raise money for a cause or campaign

Publicly communicated your opinion about a cause (e.g. blog, email, petition)

**6. Since entering college have you:**

(Mark yes or no for each item)

*Response options: Yes, No*

Participated in:

Student clubs/groups

An ethnic/racial organization

Completed a culminating experience for your degree (e.g. capstone course/project, thesis, comp exam)

Been a leader in an organization

**10. How often in the past year did you:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not at All*

- Ask a question in class
- Support your opinions with a logical argument
- Seek solutions to problems and explain them to others
- Revise your papers to improve your writing
- Evaluate the quality or reliability of information you received
- Take a risk because you felt you had more to gain
- Seek alternative solutions to a problem
- Look up scientific research articles and resources
- Explore topics on your own, even though it was not required for a class
- Accept mistakes as part of the learning process
- Seek feedback on your academic work
- Take notes during class
- Integrated skills and knowledge from different sources and experiences

**11. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree*

- I am enthusiastic about this college
- If asked, I would recommend this college to others
- I have effectively led a group to a common purpose

**13. For the activities listed below, please indicate how often you engaged in each during the past year.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not At All*

- Applied concepts from courses to everyday life

**14. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself.**

(Mark one in each row)

Response categories: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%  
Spirituality

**16. Rate yourself on each of the following traits as compared with the average person your age. We want the most accurate estimate of how you see yourself.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Highest 10%, Above Average, Average, Below Average, Lowest 10%*

- Ability to see the world from someone else's perspective
- Tolerance of others with different beliefs
- Openness to having my own views challenged
- Ability to discuss and negotiate controversial issues
- Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people

**17. To what extent have you experienced the following with students from a racial/ethnic group other than your own?**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Very Often, Often, Sometimes, Seldom, Never*

Socialized or partied

**20. Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Agree Strongly, Agree Somewhat, Disagree Somewhat, Disagree Strongly*

The federal government should raise taxes to reduce the deficit

**22. When thinking about your career path after college, how important are the following considerations?**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Essential, Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important*

Work/life balance

**23. What do you plan to be doing in fall 2009?**

(Mark all that apply)

Participating in an organization like the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps/VISTA, and Teach for America

**35. Are you a veteran?**

Yes

No

**Items Changed (Numbering reflects 2008-2009 College Senior Survey)**

**CHANGE:** All references to year advance one year (i.e. replace instances of 2009 with 2010)

**1. Please rate your satisfaction with your college in each area**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Very satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied, Can't Rate, Don't Know*

Quality of computer training/assistance **TO** Computing assistance

Student housing facilities (e.g. residence halls, etc) **TO** Student housing (e.g. res. halls)

**5. Since entering college, indicate how often you:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not At All*

Demonstrated for/against a war **TO** Demonstrated for/against a cause

**6. Since entering college have you:**

(Mark yes or no for each item)

*Response options: Yes, No*

Worked full time while attending school **TO** Held a full-time job during an academic term

Participated in a study-abroad program **TO** Participated in study-abroad

**10. Compared with when you first entered this college, how would you now describe your:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Much Stronger, Stronger, No Change, Weaker, Much Weaker*

Understanding of social problems facing our nation TO Understanding of national issues

Ability to think critically TO Critical thinking skills

Analytic and problem-solving skills TO Problem-solving skills

**11. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response categories: Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree*

I feel I have a sense of belonging to this campus TO I feel a sense of belonging to this campus

**13. For the activities listed below, please indicate how often you engaged in each during the past year.**

(Mark one in each row)

*Response options: Frequently, Occasionally, Not At All*

Discussed politics:

In class

With friends

With family

TO Discussed politics

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: 36-55**