

GRADUATE SENIOR SURVEY

As part of the work of the Retention Committee chaired by Dean Jayne Richmond and Vice President Tom Dougan, a survey was developed and administered to graduating seniors during reading days and finals week this past May 2006. The overall purpose of the survey was to identify what URI does well that made a difference in the success of our students.

The survey was developed by Dr. Gene Knott's Organizational Development class and was administered over the web using SurveyMonkey.com. Students received 2200 e-mail addresses from Enrollment Services. Of the 2200 received, approximately 1700 addresses were valid and still in use by students.

Over 700 graduating seniors responded to the survey.

The results of their responses are attached.

I want to thank Gene Knott and the graduate students who worked on this project.

As a follow up, the survey was shared with the President's leadership team for use, as they deemed appropriate. Tom Dougan will follow up individually with the appropriate Vice President to discuss specific responses to open-ended questions. The responses to these questions were given special attention because, in several questions, over 450 students took the time to write very specific answers.

We hope to publish and distribute a summary of this survey to our alumni and other interested stakeholders.

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2 → 8 Learning Community Experience (124 responses)

Positive Comments Summary:

1. Eased process for making friends
2. Still friends today with people I met in my learning community.
3. Helpful, helped transition, lifelong friends
4. Helped me to become familiar with URI.
5. Amazing, fantastic
6. Should be continued into 2nd semester.
7. One of the best experiences of my college life
8. Nice to have some of the same people in my class.
9. It was the only thing that got me through my first year.

Negative Comments Summary:

1. It did not make a difference to me.

2. Not helpful
3. Prefer to choose classes myself
4. Diversity House needs more staffing.

Overall, 9-10 responses were positive.

