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RE: Community College Survey of Student Engagement (Student Organizations)

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### Overview

The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) includes a section that gauges student use, satisfaction, and level of importance for student organizations. This survey was administered in class last spring quarter in a random sample of courses. Due to the sampling process, there was an oversampling of full-time students in GE courses, younger students (between 18-24), and international students (these may be some of the students that student organizations would like to target?).

These results suggests that at least half the student respondents do not participate in student activities and do not feel it is an important service to them (see full responses below). Only 21% were "somewhat" or "very" satisfied with student organizations at Foothill. We also looked at the satisfaction response rates of those students who "Sometimes" and "Often" used student organizations, and the majority of students who "Sometimes" used student organizations were "Somewhat" satisfied with the services (56%) while those students who "Often" used student organizations were more likely to be "Very" satisfied (69%).

Additionally, we explored the relationship between students who felt that student organizations was an important service to them at Foothill and if they were satisfied with student organizations. Of those who indicated student organizations were "Very" important to them, roughly one-third reported being "Very" satisfied with student organizations. When combined with those who reported "Somewhat" satisfied, the response rate rises to 59%.

Finally, students who felt that student organizations were "Very" important to them, about one-third "Rarely/Never" participated in student organizations (34%) while another 29% "Sometimes" participated.

Please refer to the following tables and graphs for more information.

### Methodology

Face-to -face courses offered in Spring 2012 were randomly sampled to participate in this survey. In the end, 43 sections participated, resulting in 948 valid responses.

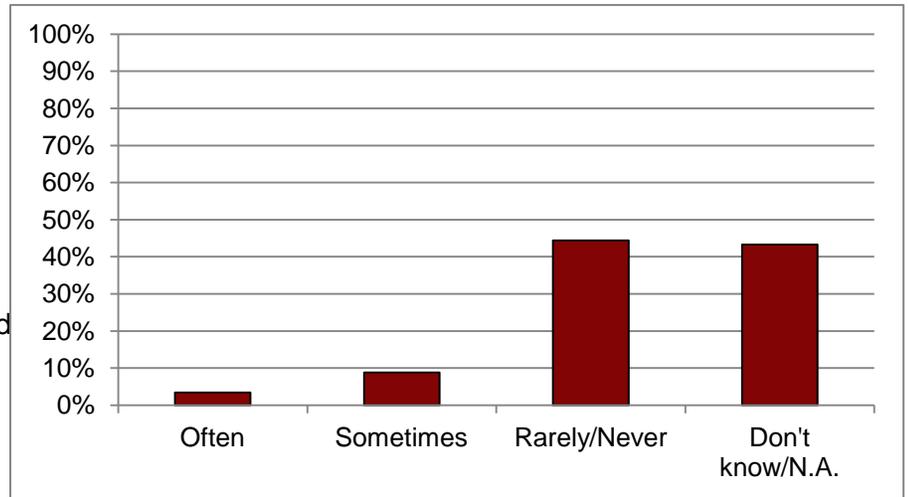
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CCSSE, 2012

**CCSSE Item 13.1: How often do you use student organizations at this college?**

Response	N	%
Often	29	3%
Sometimes	75	9%
Rarely/Never	377	44%
Don't know/N.A.	368	43%
Total	849	100%

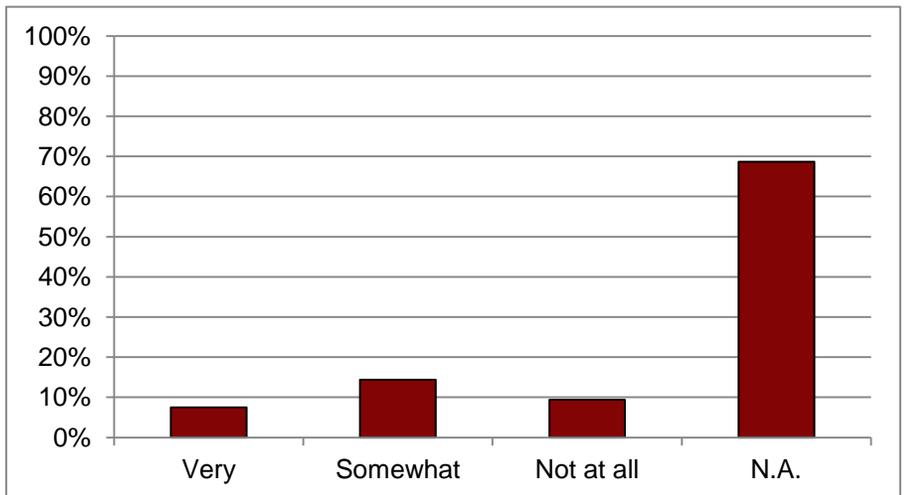
Less than half of the responses (44%) indicated that students "rarely/never" participated in student organizations.



**CCSSE Item 13.2: How satisfied are you with student organizations at this college?**

Response	N	%
Very	60	8%
Somewhat	117	14%
Not at all	76	9%
N.A.	556	69%
Total	809	100%

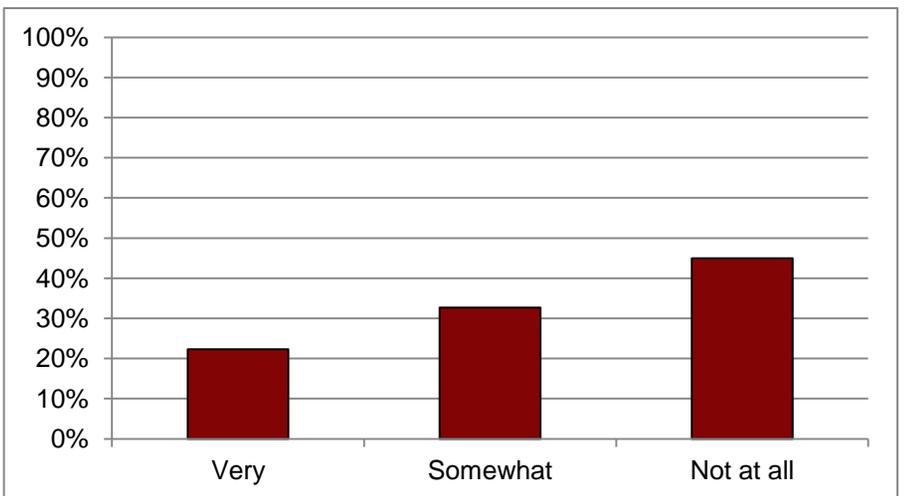
While most students did not feel this was an applicable question, almost half of students who did respond to the question reported being "somewhat" satisfied (46% or 117/253).



**CCSSE Item 13.3: How important are student organizations to you at this college?**

Response	N	%
Very	181	22%
Somewhat	264	33%
Not at all	364	45%
Total	809	100%

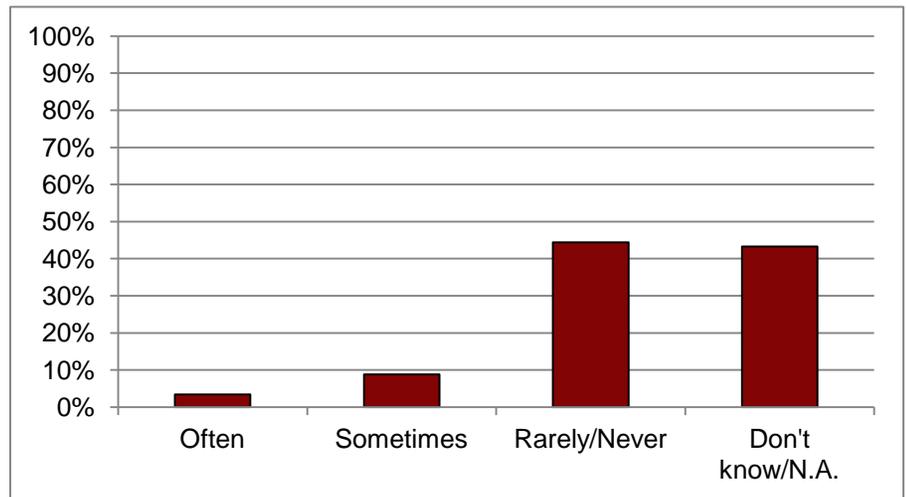
Over half of the students indicated they believe student organizations are "very" or "somewhat" important to them (55%).



## Disaggregated

### CCSSE Item 13.1: How often do you use the following services at this college?

Use Response	Those who feel student organizations are 'very important'	
	N	%
Often	38	18%
Sometimes	62	29%
Rarely/Never	72	34%
Don't know/N.A.	39	18%
Total	211	100%



Among students who "often" or "sometimes" participate in student organizations, almost half of these students feel these services are "very important." (45%). Note that one-third of students who feel it is "very important" to have student organizations "rarely/never" use them (34%).

### CCSSE Item 13.2: How satisfied are you with student organizations at this college?

Satisfaction Response	Students who rate student organizations as "very important"		Students who use student organizations 'often' or 'somewhat'	
	N	%	N	%
Very	73	35%	72	41%
Somewhat	54	26%	84	48%
Not at all	21	10%	12	7%
N.A.	60	29%	7	4%
Total	208	100%	175	100%

Students who are "very" or "somewhat" satisfied with student organizations tend to rate these services as "very important" are more likely to "often" or "somewhat" participate.

