Summary Report

Project Summary:
Forty-six item survey administered to 175 new graduate students, including master’s and doctoral students. Questions captured data on the day long orientation designed to introduce graduate students to UA’s services, resources and programs. This will be valuable information to determine content selection for future graduate student programming and events.

Results Snapshot:
- 51 graduate students participated in the survey resulting in a 29% response rate.
- 66.6% of respondents indicated that they were pursuing a Master’s Degree while 28.07% indicated they were pursuing Doctoral degrees. 5.26% of respondents indicated they were pursuing some other professional degree.
- 59.6% of respondents indicated that they had come to UA from a college or university outside the state of Alabama.
- 36.8% of respondents attended the tour of Tuscaloosa. 65% of tour attendees rated the tour good or excellent.
- 31.6% of respondents attended the tour of the UA campus. 94.1% of tour attendees rated the tour good or excellent.
- 80.4% of respondents responded favorably to the information provided at the opening session rating it excellent or good.
- 66.7% of respondents indicated that their lunch cohort group provided them the opportunity to interact with other graduate students, and 18.5% indicated it provided them the opportunity to interact with faculty.
- 50.9% indicated they would like additional opportunities to interact with their lunch cohort throughout the semester.
- 83% of the respondents found the library presentation informative.*
- 84% felt that the variety of the services/offices represented at the Grad Resource Fair were excellent or good.
- Respondents were split on the length of time for orientation. 50% felt it was too long and nearly 48% thought the time frame was just right. 2% indicated they felt orientation was too short.
- 84.3% of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they felt better prepared to begin their graduate program after attending orientation.
- 96% said they are more aware of resources available to them as graduate students.

Started survey = 59  Completed= 51  86.4% completion rate  Sample size = 175
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