

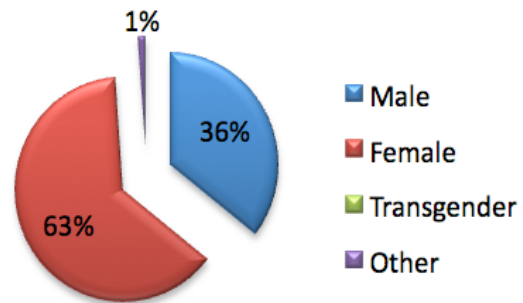
The Vermont Student Opinion Poll (VSOP) is a poll put out at least once a semester by the Public Relations Committee of the Student Government Association at the University of Vermont. It is used as a tool to better comprehend student opinions and concerns on issues pertaining to the University at Vermont.

The current poll was presented to the public via the Lynx at 12:00pm on Thursday, April 30th. The period to complete the poll lasted a little over a week, ending Friday, May 8th at 12:00pm. In this period, a total of 181 undergraduate students at the University of Vermont completed the survey anonymously. The results are seen in the following pages and the full write-in responses can be found in the back of the report.

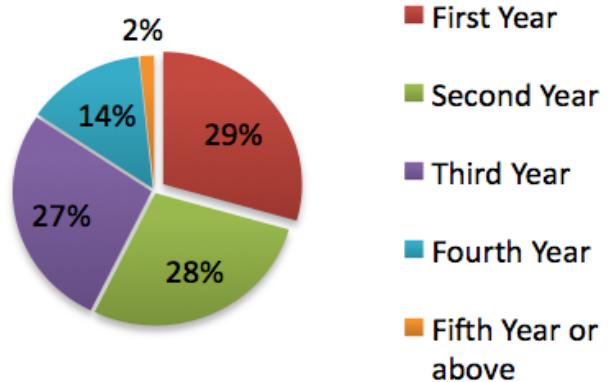
Unfortunately, this poll represents only about 2% of the population of students at the University of Vermont. Because of this, this data may not be representative of the true population at the University and can only be used as an estimation at the present time. Further study must be done to fully confirm the validity of the responses. Another issue that may have deterred student response was the manner of polling. To take the poll, a student needed to either be a member, or sign up for membership on the Lynx. This extra time to sign up on the Lynx may have deterred many students.

Though there were several issues found in the spring VSOP, these will hopefully be amended in the fall of 2009 when Public Relations will issue another VSOP. If anyone has any comments or questions about the following VSOP or future VSOPs, please email krifken@uvm.edu.

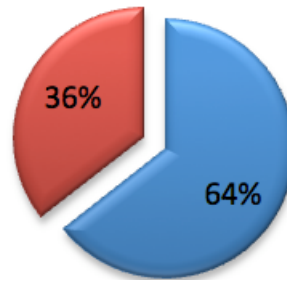
1. What do you identify as?	
Male	35.60%
Female	63.30%
Transgender	0.00%
Other	1.11%



2. What year are you?	
First Year	29.44%
Second Year	27.78%
Third Year	27.22%
Fourth Year	13.89%
Fifth Year or above	1.67%

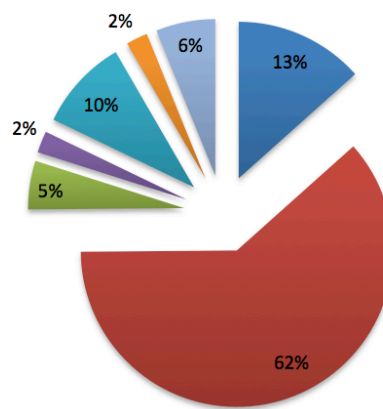


3. Where do you live?	
On-campus	64.44%
Off-campus	35.56%



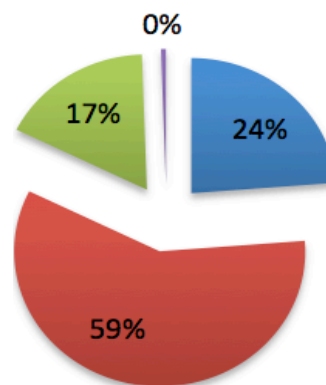
- On-campus
- Off-campus

4. What academic unit are you in?	
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	13.41%
College of Arts and Sciences	61.45%
College of Education and Social Services	5.02%
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	2.24%
Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources	9.49%
School of Business Administration	2.23%
College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences	6.15%



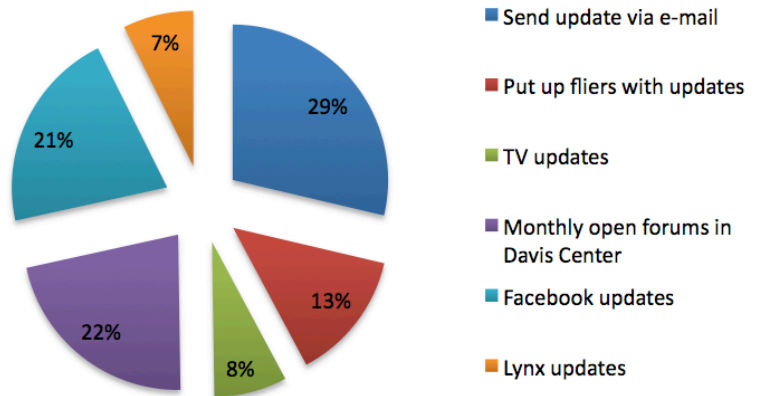
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5. How much do you know about the SGA and what it does for the student body?	
I know a lot	23.76%
I know a bit	58.56%
I have hear of it, but don't know what it does	17.13%
I have never even hear of it before	0.55%

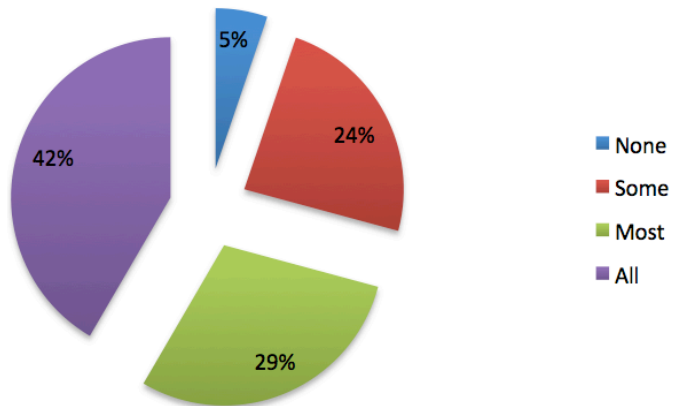


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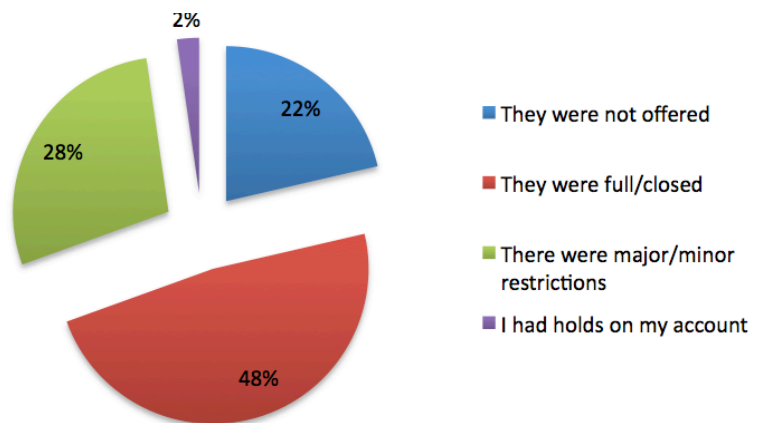
6. How do you feel that the SGA can better inform students about university issues?	
Send update via e-mail	28.67%
Put up fliers with updates	13.51%
TV updates	7.58%
Monthly open forums in Davis Center	21.80%
Facebook updates	21.09%
Lynx updates	7.35%



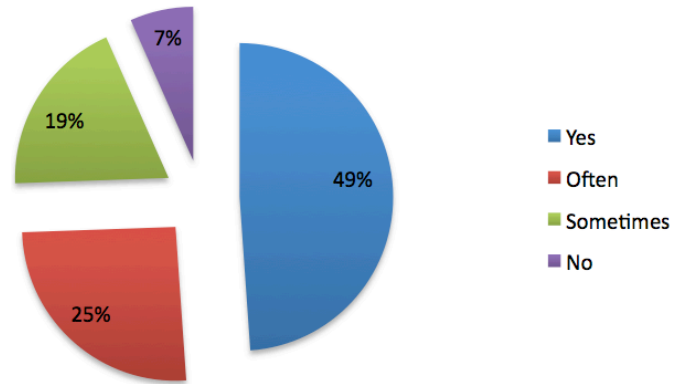
7. How many of the classes you planned/desired to enroll in the Fall of 2009 were you able to register for?	
None	5.26%
Some	23.89%
Most	29.24%
All	41.52%



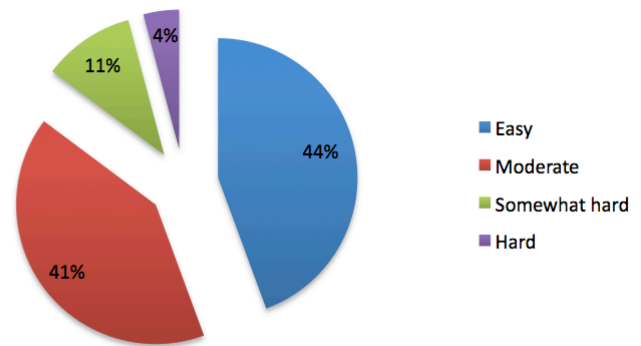
8. If you answered a or b above, were classes unavailable to you because...	
They were not offered	21.37%
They were full/closed	48.10%
There were major/minor restrictions	28.24%
I had holds on my account	2.29%



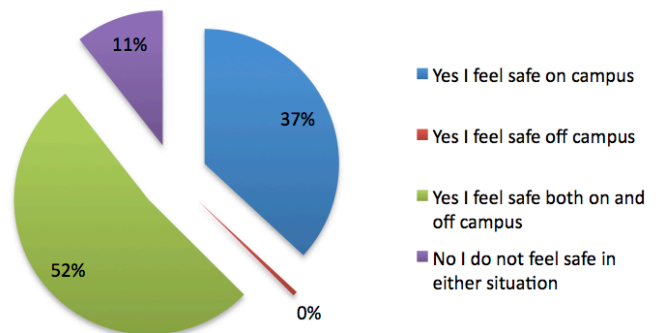
9. Do you feel like you're getting enough academic assistance to graduate in a reasonable amount of time?	
Yes	48.89%
Often	25.56%
Sometimes	18.89%
No	6.67%



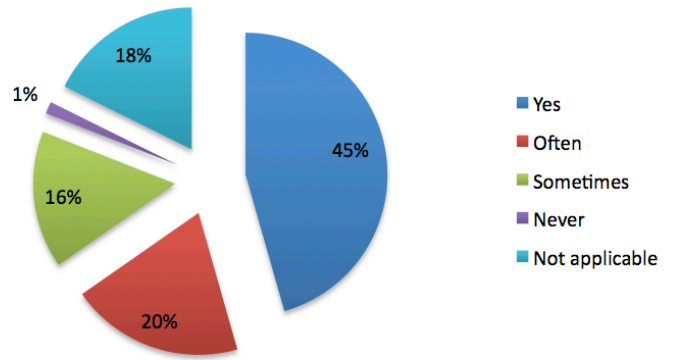
10. Overall, how difficult did you find the process of registering for classes next semester?	
Easy	44.38%
Moderate	40.83%
Somewhat hard	10.65%
Hard	4.14%



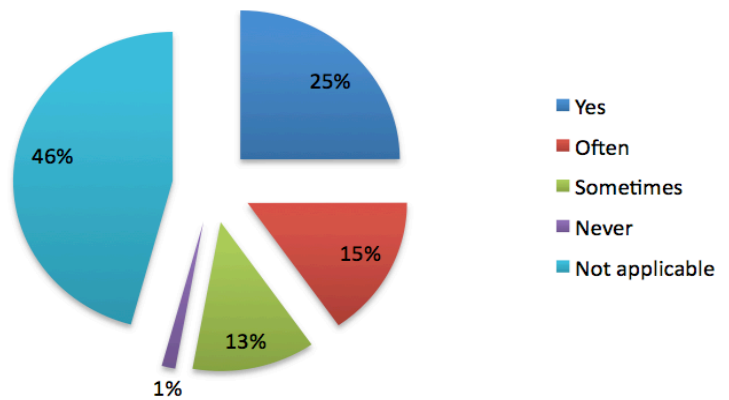
11. Did you feel safe walking downtown and around campus at night?	
Yes I feel safe on campus	36.87%
Yes I feel safe off campus	0.56%
Yes I feel safe both on and off campus	51.96%
No I do not feel safe in either situation	10.61%



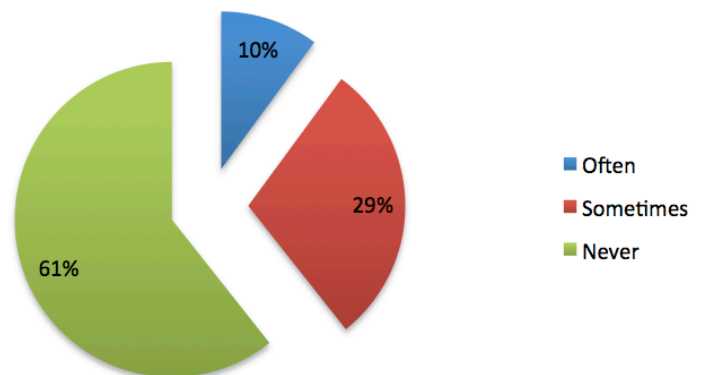
12. For on campus students, do you have safe means of transportation around campus, Burlington, and back to your residence?	
Yes	45.58%
Often	19.73%
Sometimes	15.65%
Never	1.36%
Not applicable	17.68%



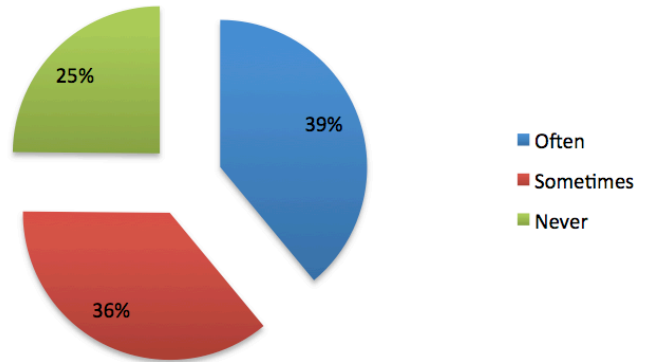
13. For off campus students, do you have safe means of transportation around campus, Burlington, and back to your residence?	
Yes	26.47%
Often	16.29%
Sometimes	13.24%
Never	1.47%
Not applicable	48.53%



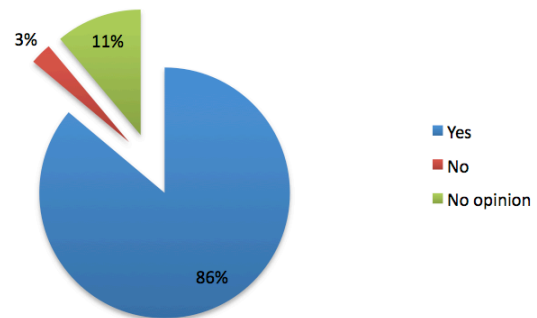
14. If there were designated sober escorts to walk people home would you utilize this service?	
Often	10.11%
Sometimes	29.21%
Never	60.67%



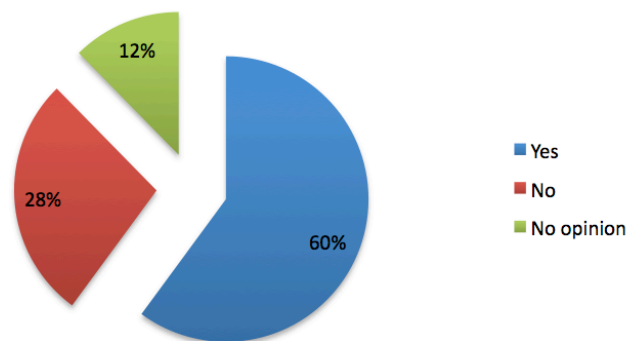
15. If there was a designated driving service that ran later than the off campus bus, or on Thursdays would you utilize this service?	
Often	38.98%
Sometimes	36.16%
Never	24.86%



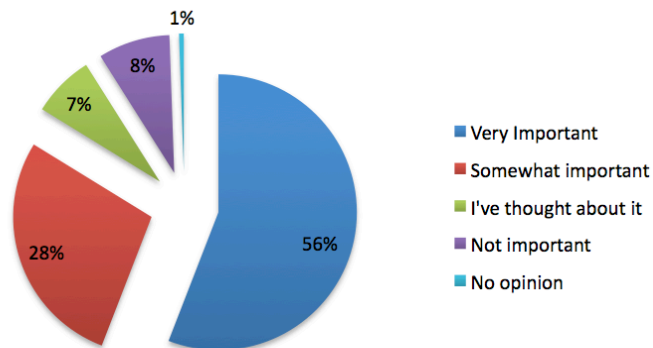
16. Would you support local food initiatives on campus?	
Yes	86.11%
No	2.78%
No opinion	11.11%



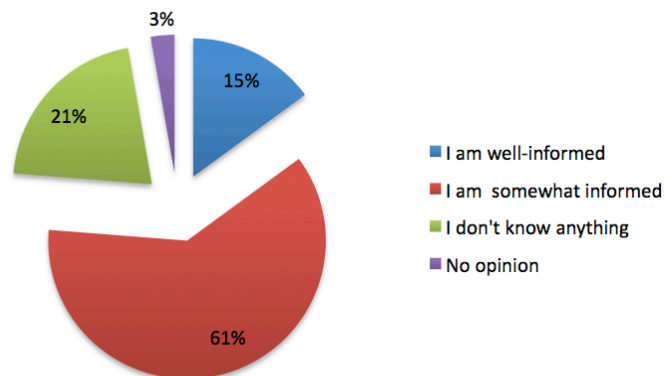
17. Would you support an environmental sustainability requirement (consisting of either a course requirement, club participation, volunteer-ship, research or internship work) for all incoming University of Vermont students?	
Yes	60.11%
No	27.53%
No opinion	12.36%



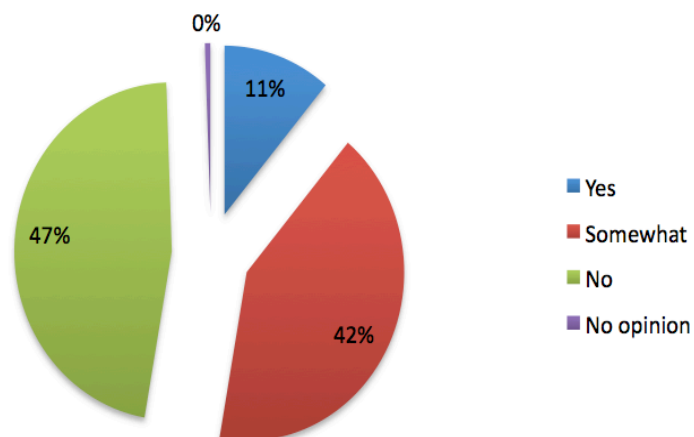
18. Is ensuring that the University is investing in socially, ethically, and environmentally responsible companies an important issue to you?	
Very Important	55.87%
Somewhat important	27.93%
I've thought about it	7.26%
Not important	8.38%
No opinion	0.56%



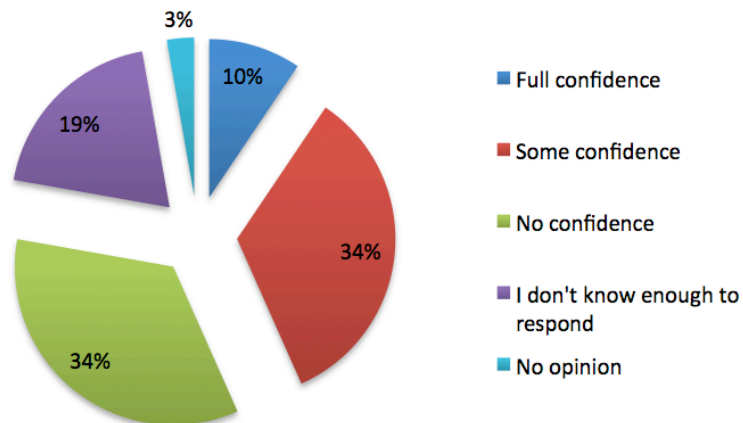
19. What is your current level of knowledge of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget?	
I am well-informed	14.92%
I am somewhat informed	61.33%
I don't know anything	20.99%
No opinion	2.76%



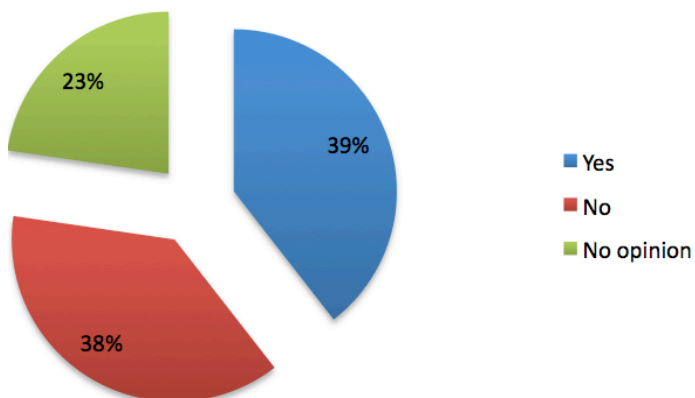
20. Do you believe the student body is being well informed on matters concerning the budget?	
Yes	11.11%
Somewhat	41.67%
No	46.67%
No opinion	0.56%



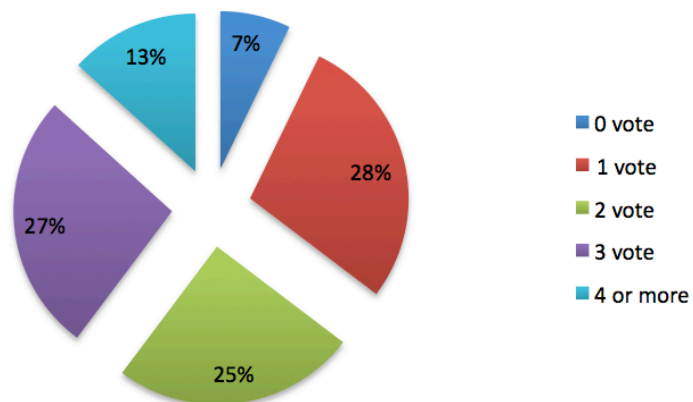
21. What is your level of confidence in the way the school administration (President, Vice Presidents, Provosts, etc.) is handling the FY 2010 budget?	
Full confidence	9.44%
Some confidence	33.90%
No confidence	34.44%
I don't know enough to respond	19.44%
No opinion	2.78%



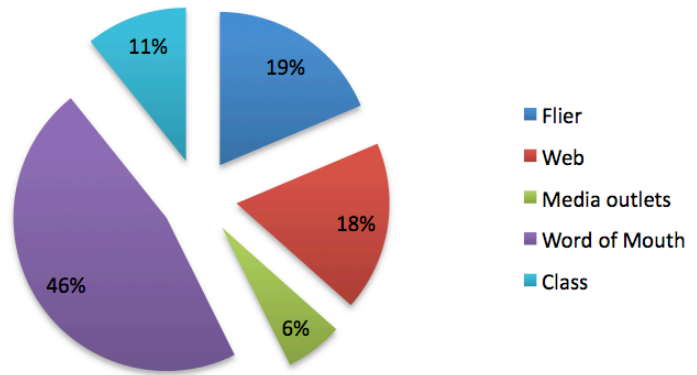
22. In the past year, has your opinion of UVM changed and if so why?	
Yes	39.50%
No	37.82%
No opinion	22.68%



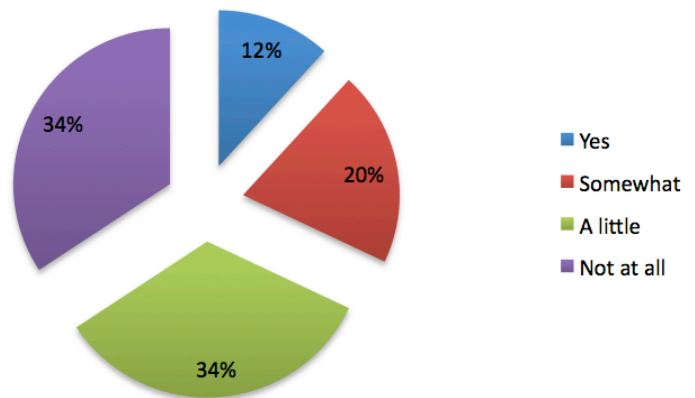
23. How many on-campus organizations are you part of?	
0 vote	7.18%
1 vote	28.18%
2 vote	24.86%
3 vote	26.52%
4 or more	13.26%



24. How did you find out about the organizations you participate in?	
Flier	18.64%
Web	17.92%
Media outlets	6.09%
Word of Mouth	46.60%
Class	10.75%



25. Have you found The Lynx to be a helpful tool?	
Yes	11.80%
Somewhat	20.22%
A little	33.71%
Not at all	34.27%



26. Would you be interested in leadership workshops or a leadership certificate program?	
Yes	24.44%
Maybe	33.33%
No	42.22%

