**SENSE Survey Fall 2010**

**Responses to Special Focus Questions**

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Skagit Valley College included a group of special focus questions as part of the SENSE survey administration in fall 2010. These questions related to student success courses. The initial prompt asked students if they had taken during their first term at the college a “Student Success Course.” There were 152 students who reported doing so and their responses to the remaining questions about the impacts of taking that course are below.

| **This course helped me develop skills to become a better student.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 55 | 36.2 | 36.2 | 36.2 |
| Agree | 52 | 34.2 | 34.2 | 70.4 |
| Neutral | 29 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 89.5 |
| Disagree | 9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 95.4 |
| Strongly Agree | 7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 100.0 |
| Total | 152 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

| **This course helped me to feel more connected to the college.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 44 | 28.9 | 28.9 | 28.9 |
| Agree | 54 | 35.5 | 35.5 | 64.5 |
| Neutral | 35 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 87.5 |
| Disagree | 9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 93.4 |
| Strongly Agree | 10 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 100.0 |
| Total | 152 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

| **This course should be mandatory for all new students.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 39 | 25.7 | 26.0 | 26.0 |
| Agree | 35 | 23.0 | 23.3 | 49.3 |
| Neutral | 31 | 20.4 | 20.7 | 70.0 |
| Disagree | 27 | 17.8 | 18.0 | 88.0 |
| Strongly Agree | 18 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 150 | 98.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 2 | 1.3 |  |  |
| Total | | 152 | 100.0 |  |  |

| **This course helped me to improve my study skills (listening, note-taking, highlighting readings, working with others, etc.).** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 48 | 31.6 | 31.6 | 31.6 |
| Agree | 53 | 34.9 | 34.9 | 66.4 |
| Neutral | 28 | 18.4 | 18.4 | 84.9 |
| Disagree | 13 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 93.4 |
| Strongly Agree | 10 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 100.0 |
| Total | 152 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

| **This course helped me to understand my academic strengths and weaknesses.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 42 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 27.6 |
| Agree | 53 | 34.9 | 34.9 | 62.5 |
| Neutral | 37 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 86.8 |
| Disagree | 13 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 95.4 |
| Strongly Agree | 7 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 100.0 |
| Total | 152 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

| **This course helped me to develop a written plan for how and when I can achieve my academic goals.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 42 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 27.6 |
| Agree | 53 | 34.9 | 34.9 | 62.5 |
| Neutral | 31 | 20.4 | 20.4 | 82.9 |
| Disagree | 18 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 94.7 |
| Strongly Agree | 8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 152 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |

| **This course helped me to improve my test-taking ability.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 30 | 19.7 | 19.9 | 19.9 |
| Agree | 42 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 47.7 |
| Neutral | 48 | 31.6 | 31.8 | 79.5 |
| Disagree | 19 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 92.1 |
| Strongly Agree | 12 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 100.0 |
| Total | 151 | 99.3 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 1 | .7 |  |  |
| Total | | 152 | 100.0 |  |  |

| **This course helped me to improve my time management skills.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 41 | 27.0 | 27.9 | 27.9 |
| Agree | 49 | 32.2 | 33.3 | 61.2 |
| Neutral | 33 | 21.7 | 22.4 | 83.7 |
| Disagree | 17 | 11.2 | 11.6 | 95.2 |
| Strongly Agree | 7 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 100.0 |
| Total | 147 | 96.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 5 | 3.3 |  |  |
| Total | | 152 | 100.0 |  |  |

| **This course helped me to develop my skills and strategies for reading textbooks and other materials.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 37 | 24.3 | 25.2 | 25.2 |
| Agree | 49 | 32.2 | 33.3 | 58.5 |
| Neutral | 32 | 21.1 | 21.8 | 80.3 |
| Disagree | 21 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 94.6 |
| Strongly Agree | 8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 147 | 96.7 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 5 | 3.3 |  |  |
| Total | | 152 | 100.0 |  |  |

| **This course helped me to learn about college policies and deadlines that affect me.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 34 | 22.4 | 23.3 | 23.3 |
| Agree | 62 | 40.8 | 42.5 | 65.8 |
| Neutral | 35 | 23.0 | 24.0 | 89.7 |
| Disagree | 11 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 97.3 |
| Strongly Agree | 4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 100.0 |
| Total | 146 | 96.1 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 6 | 3.9 |  |  |
| Total | | 152 | 100.0 |  |  |

| **This course helped me to learn about college services that are available to help students succeed in their studies.** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
| Valid | Strongly agree | 48 | 31.6 | 32.9 | 32.9 |
| Agree | 64 | 42.1 | 43.8 | 76.7 |
| Neutral | 24 | 15.8 | 16.4 | 93.2 |
| Disagree | 8 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 98.6 |
| Strongly Agree | 2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 146 | 96.1 | 100.0 |  |
| Missing | System | 6 | 3.9 |  |  |
| Total | | 152 | 100.0 |  |  |