Aloha!

The Graduating Student Survey (GSS) is a rich source of feedback from our students and provides data that can be used for assessment purposes. The GSS contains feedback about academic experiences, campus climate, specific campus services, and questions related to the University's mission.

The current survey results are now available. You can visit the link at any time to read student comments and view frequencies for specific questions that may be related to your programs or services. You can also filter information by demographics and by major departments. You can even download a data file in Excel and use this information for your own research purposes (see explanations at the bottom of this email message for filtering and downloading files).

IMPORTANT NOTE: This information is CONFIDENTIAL and can only be used to improve educational experiences for our BYUH students and for research purposes of the University.

Here is the direct link to GSS survey results (copy & paste this link into your web browser — you can view these results any time):

Here are a few helpful tips:

- 1. Scroll through the entire survey results to see which questions are most helpful to you.
- 2. Click on the "View" button near the question to see responses in the "other" category or read comments to open-ended questions.
- 3. If you want to return to a specific spot in the survey (rather than scroll from the beginning again), use the "back" button at the top of your Web browser, rather than the "back" button on the survey results pages.
- 4. Instead of looking at total response frequencies for all questions, you may want to "filter" responses by certain categories (such as major department or college, or other demographic variables, such as home area).
- 5. If you want to do further data analysis, you can request a data file be emailed to you.

I hope this information will be useful to you and your department. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Aloha,

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Here are some specific Instructions for ...

Filtering

Let's say you're the ICS Department chair and you want to see ONLY the comments from ICS majors. Here's what you'd do after opening the results link: Click on the "Add Filter" button; click on the "Add +" button; in the "Select Question" box, click on the arrow and select "Your Major Department"; in the "with choice" box, click on the arrow and select "International Cultural Studies." Now click on the "Update" button, and you will see only the responses from ICS majors.

Reporting Individual Frequencies

You want to report the frequencies of responses to a certain question (or questions) in a table. Simply right-click on the frequency graph you want; select "Export to Microsoft Excel" and the frequencies will automatically be pasted into a spreadsheet which you can then format and paste into a Word document or Power Point presentation.

Downloading data files

Let's say you want to compare how student's from various geographic regions respond to certain questions on the survey and you know how to do your own analysis in Excel, SPSS or some other statistical program. You just need to download a data file. Here's how to do it: Click on the "Export" button in the top right corner; choose the export format (you can download the file as a spreadsheet with the exact text or numerical responses, as an html file or as a database). You can click the "View Sample" button to see how each file is formatted. Then click on the "Next" button, enter your email address, and click on the "Send Results" button. You should receive the file automatically by email within a few minutes after your request is sent.