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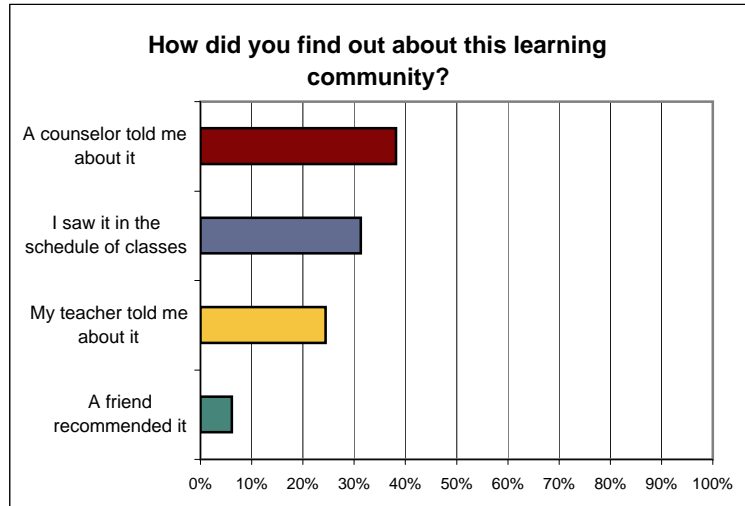
SUBJECT: LinC Survey, Fall 2007

The LinC survey was conducted in late November through early December of 2007. A total of 151 students responded, higher than the Spring 2007 total of 85. Fall responses were compared with the total responses for Fall 2006 thru Spring 2007. Important highlights include:

- The top two ways students found out about the learning community were: through a counselor (38%, 50 of 131), or through the schedule of classes (31%, 41 of 131).
- 30% (42 of 142) of the respondents spoke up in class “very often”; this is consistent with the past average of 30%.
- 52% (74 of 141) of the respondents worked with classmates during class “very often”, which is lower than the 57% average.
- 48% (70 of 145) of the respondents said that their thinking is more analytical and critical is “much” or “very much” a benefit they received from the learning community; this is considerably lower than that of the 57% past average.
- 58% (84 of 145) of the respondents said that working more effectively with others is “much” or “very much” a benefit they received from the learning community; this is higher than the 54% past average.
- 61% (88 of 145) of the respondents said that learning more effectively is “much” or “very much” a benefit they received from their experience in this learning community. This is consistent with the 60% past average.
- 55% (80 of 146) of the respondents said that having more confidence in their academic abilities is “much” or “very much” a benefit they received from their experience in this learning community. This is lower than the 59% past average.
- 32% (46 of 146) of the respondents said that being better at using counseling, academic and other student services is “much” or “very much” a benefit they received from their experience in this learning community. This is slightly lower than the 34% past average.
- 55% (80 of 146) of the respondents said that being more successful because they have gotten the support they needed is “much” or “very much” a benefit they received from their experience in this learning community. This is slightly lower than the 57% past average.

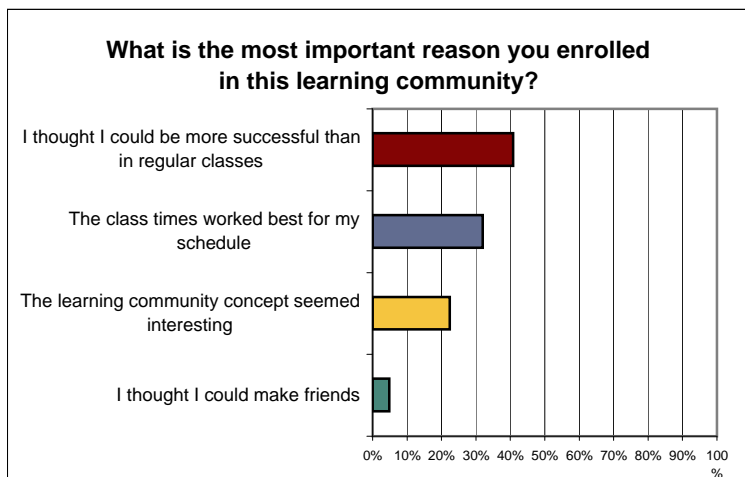
1. How did you find out about this learning community?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
A counselor told me about it	50	38%
I saw it in the schedule of classes	41	31%
My teacher told me about it	32	24%
A friend recommended it	8	6%
Total Valid	131	100%
Total Missing	20	
Total	151	



2. What is the most important reason you enrolled in this learning community?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
I thought I could be more successful than in regular classes	51	41%
The class times worked best for my schedule	40	32%
The learning community concept seemed interesting	28	22%
I thought I could make friends	6	5%
Total Valid	125	100%
Total Missing	26	
Total	151	



In this learning community, how often have you done items #3-16?

Question	Never		Rarely/Hardly Ever		Sometimes		Often		Very Often		Total Respondents	Total Students
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N
3. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community when discussing material and doing assignments.	2	1%	7	5%	48	34%	59	42%	26	18%	142	151
4. Looked at new ways to synthesize, connect or organize information, ideas and experiences.	2	1%	13	9%	48	34%	55	39%	24	17%	142	151
5. Judged the quality, value and accuracy of methods, positions, arguments or information.	2	1%	11	8%	64	45%	50	35%	14	10%	141	151
6. Used theories or concepts to look at practical problems or perform new skills.	0	0%	12	9%	54	38%	54	38%	21	15%	141	151
7. Spoke up in class discussions and asked questions in class.	3	2%	26	18%	43	30%	28	20%	42	30%	142	151
8. Worked with classmates during class.	0	0%	4	3%	16	11%	47	33%	74	52%	141	151
9. Worked on assignments or discussed material with classmates outside of class.	9	6%	33	23%	51	36%	35	25%	14	10%	142	151
10. Discussed ideas from the readings, lectures or discussions with non-classmates outside of class.	24	17%	35	25%	48	34%	26	18%	9	6%	142	151
11. Discussed assignments or material individually with an instructor in class.	6	4%	28	20%	54	38%	38	27%	15	11%	141	151
12. Discussed assignments or material with an instructor outside of class.	36	26%	47	34%	41	29%	13	9%	3	2%	140	151
13. Discussed academic or career plans with a counselor or academic advisor.	28	20%	27	19%	52	37%	25	18%	10	7%	142	151
14. Discussed personal, family or other non-academic issues with a counselor.	90	63%	29	20%	13	9%	8	6%	2	1%	142	151
15. Put more time and effort into your work than you thought you would because of your classmates' expectations.	14	10%	18	13%	56	39%	38	27%	16	11%	142	151
16. Had conversations with your classmates about diversity, such as race, ethnicity, religion, mental and physical challenges, or sexual orientation.	21	15%	31	22%	40	28%	31	22%	19	13%	142	151

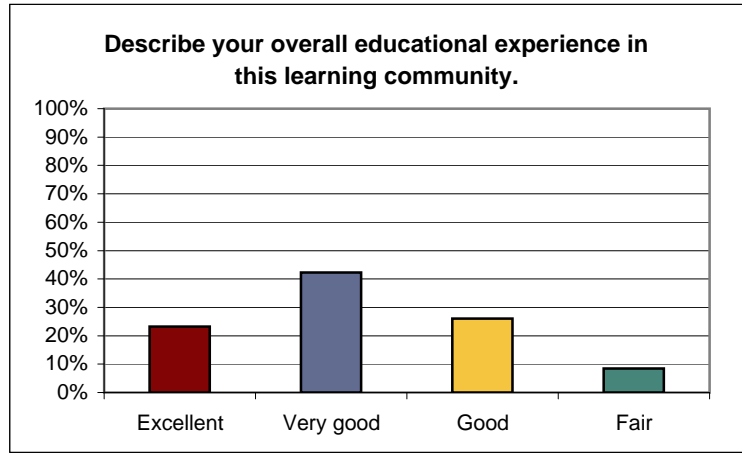
For #17-26, what benefits have you gotten by your experience in this learning community?

Question	Not at all		Very little		Some		Much		Very Much		Total Respon dents	Total Students
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N
17. My writing is more effective and clear.	3	2%	12	8%	54	37%	55	38%	22	15%	146	151
18. My speaking is more effective and clear.	8	5%	17	12%	63	43%	37	25%	21	14%	146	151
19. My thinking is more analytical and critical (questioning).	5	3%	14	10%	56	39%	49	34%	21	14%	145	151
20. I work more effectively with others.	7	5%	9	6%	45	31%	56	39%	28	19%	145	151
21. I learn more effectively.	6	4%	6	4%	45	31%	62	43%	26	18%	145	151
22. I have more confidence in my academic abilities.	5	3%	11	8%	50	34%	57	39%	23	16%	146	151
23. I have better study skills, including time management.	8	5%	17	12%	64	44%	36	25%	21	14%	146	151
24. I have more successful and satisfying social interactions.	5	3%	9	6%	65	45%	43	29%	24	16%	146	151
25. I am better at using counseling, academic and other student services.	14	10%	34	23%	51	35%	32	22%	14	10%	145	151
26. I am more successful because I have gotten the support I need.	3	2%	13	9%	50	34%	50	34%	30	21%	146	151

Question	does not apply		not friendly, supportive or helpful		a little friendly, supportive		friendly, supportive and helpful		very friendly, supportive and helpful		Total Respon dents	Total Students
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N
27. Describe the quality of your relationships with teachers in this learning community.	1	1%	3	2%	13	9%	63	43%	66	45%	146	151
28. Describe the quality of your relationships with the counselor in this learning community.	34	23%	3	2%	25	17%	59	40%	25	17%	146	151
29. Describe the quality of your relationships with classmates in this learning community.	3	2%	0	0%	19	13%	59	40%	65	45%	146	151

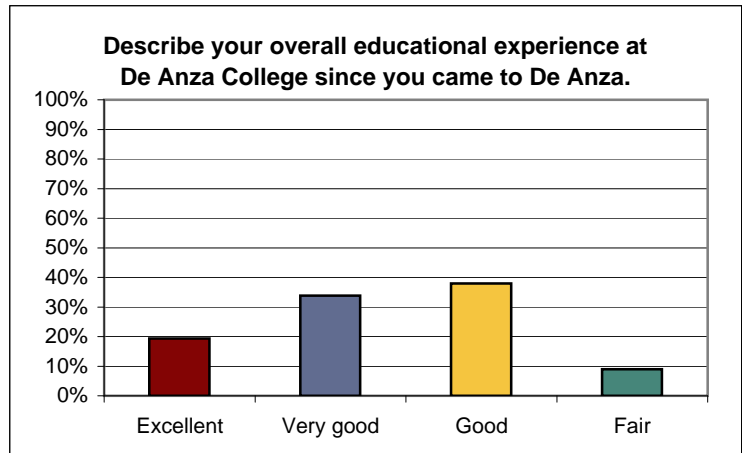
30. Describe your overall educational experience in this learning community.

Response	Number	Percent
Excellent	33	23%
Very good	60	42%
Good	37	26%
Fair	12	8%
Total Valid	142	100%
Total Missing	9	
Total	151	



31. Describe your overall educational experience at De Anza College since you came to De Anza.

Response	Number	Percent
Excellent	28	19%
Very good	49	34%
Good	55	38%
Fair	13	9%
Total Valid	145	100%
Total Missing	6	
Total	151	



32. Would you recommend this learning community to a friend or family member?

Response	Number	Percent
Yes	137	94%
No	8	6%
Total Valid	145	100%
Total Missing	6	
Total	151	

