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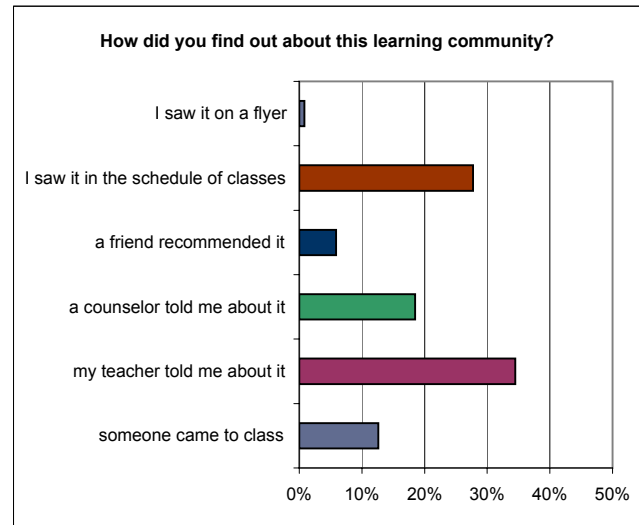
SUBJECT: LinC Survey, Winter 2007

The LinC Winter 2007 survey was conducted in late February through early March. A total of 134 students responded, which is higher than in Fall 2006. Important highlights include:

- 62% of students found out about the learning community from an instructor (34%) or by seeing it in the schedule of classes (28%).
- 38% of the students enrolled in the learning community because they thought they could be more successful than in regular classes.
- 95% of the students' writing benefited some, much, or very much.
- 33% of the students responded "never" or "rarely" when asked if they "Discussed academic or career plans with a counselor or academic advisor.
- 90% of the students have some, much, or very much successful and satisfying social interactions.
- 58% of the students very often worked with classmates during class.
- 96% of the students had at least a good overall educational experience in the learning community.
- 97% of the students reported that they would recommend this learning community to a friend or a family member.

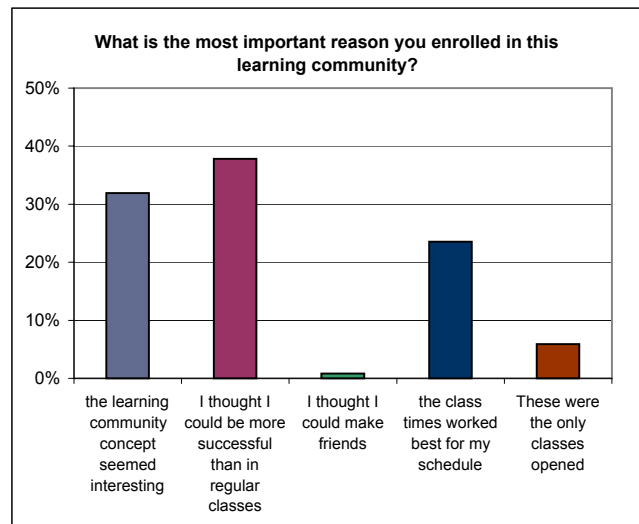
1. How did you find out about this learning community?

Response	N	%
someone came to class	15	13%
my teacher told me about it	41	34%
a counselor told me about it	22	18%
a friend recommended it	7	6%
schedule of classes	33	28%
I saw it on a flyer	1	1%
Total Valid	119	100%
Total Missing	15	
Total	134	



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

Response	N	%
the learning community concept seemed interesting	38	32%
I thought I could be more successful than in regular classes	45	38%
I thought I could make friends	1	1%
the class times worked best for my schedule	28	24%
These were the only classes opened	7	6%
Total Valid	119	100%
Total Missing	15	
Total	134	



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

Question	Never		Rarely/Hardly Ever		Sometimes		Often		Very Often		Total Respo	Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	ndent	Stude
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3. Connected and integrated ideas, concepts or skills from the different classes in the learning community when discussing material and doing assignments.	3	3%	6	5%	28	24%	52	44%	30	25%	119	134
4. Looked at new ways to synthesize, connect or organize information, ideas and experiences.	2	2%	3	3%	39	33%	40	34%	35	29%	119	134
5. Judged the quality, value and accuracy of methods, positions, arguments or information.	1	1%	10	8%	34	29%	49	41%	25	21%	119	134
6. Used theories or concepts to look at practical problems or perform new skills.	4	3%	9	8%	34	29%	46	39%	25	21%	118	134
7. Spoke up in class discussions and asked questions in class.	2	2%	16	13%	28	24%	35	29%	38	32%	119	134
8. Worked with classmates during class.	0	0%	1	1%	13	11%	36	31%	68	58%	118	134
9. Worked on assignments or discussed material with classmates outside of class.	9	8%	21	18%	42	36%	28	24%	18	15%	118	134
10. Discussed ideas from the readings, lectures or discussions with non-classmates outside of class.	9	8%	21	18%	46	39%	30	25%	12	10%	118	134
11. Discussed assignments or material individually with an instructor in class.	5	4%	18	15%	43	36%	36	30%	17	14%	119	134
12. Discussed assignments or material with an instructor outside of class.	29	24%	25	21%	41	34%	16	13%	8	7%	119	134
13. Discussed academic or career plans with a counselor or academic advisor.	12	10%	27	23%	41	35%	22	19%	16	14%	118	134
14. Discussed personal, family or other non-academic issues with a counselor.	64	54%	23	19%	21	18%	8	7%	3	3%	119	134
15. Put more time and effort into your work than you thought you would because of your classmates' expectations.	10	8%	14	12%	47	39%	36	30%	12	10%	119	134
16. Had conversations with your classmates about diversity, such as race, ethnicity, religion, mental and physical challenges, or sexual orientation.	15	13%	11	9%	43	36%	26	22%	24	20%	119	134

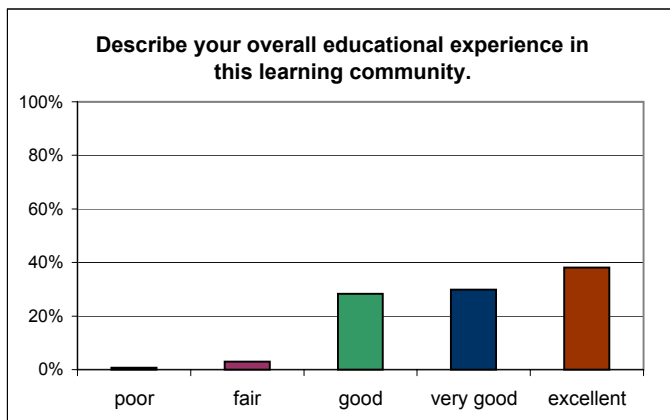
For #17-26, what benefits have you gotten by your experience in this learning community?

Question	Not at all		Very little		Some		Much		Very Much		Total Respo ndent s	Total Stude nts
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N
17. My writing is more effective and clear.	0	0%	7	5%	47	35%	61	46%	19	14%	134	134
18. My speaking is more effective and clear.	3	2%	13	10%	46	35%	51	38%	20	15%	133	134
19. My thinking is more analytical and critical (questioning).	4	3%	10	7%	44	33%	52	39%	24	18%	134	134
20. I work more effectively with others.	3	2%	7	5%	38	28%	52	39%	34	25%	134	134
21. I learn more effectively.	2	2%	4	3%	40	30%	50	38%	37	28%	133	134
22. I have more confidence in my academic abilities.	1	1%	10	7%	37	28%	54	40%	32	24%	134	134
23. I have better study skills, including time management.	7	5%	21	16%	48	36%	32	24%	26	19%	134	134
24. I have more successful and satisfying social interactions.	3	2%	11	8%	39	29%	56	42%	25	19%	134	134
25. I am better at using counseling, academic and other student services.	14	10%	27	20%	45	34%	32	24%	16	12%	134	134
26. I am more successful because I have gotten the support I need.	4	3%	8	6%	36	27%	50	37%	36	27%	134	134

Question	does not apply		not friendly, supportive or helpful		a little friendly, supportive and helpful		friendly, supportive and helpful		very friendly, supportive and helpful		Total Respo ndent s	Total Stude nts
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N
27. Describe the quality of your relationships with teachers in this learning community.	1	1%	1	1%	15	11%	48	36%	69	51%	134	134
28. Describe the quality of your relationships with the counselor in this learning community.	41	31%	2	1%	22	16%	52	39%	17	13%	134	134
29. Describe the quality of your relationships with classmates in this learning community.	0	0%	3	2%	22	16%	45	34%	64	48%	134	134

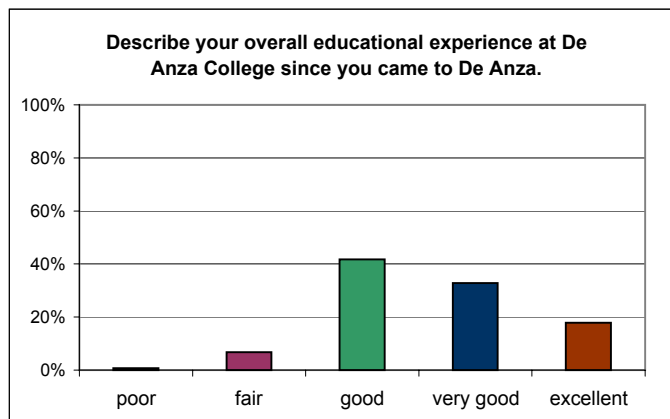
30. Describe your overall educational experience in this learning community.

Label	Number	Percent
poor	1	1%
fair	4	3%
good	38	28%
very good	40	30%
excellent	51	38%
Total Valid	134	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	134	



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

Response	Number	Percent
poor	1	1%
fair	9	7%
good	56	42%
very good	44	33%
excellent	24	18%
Total Valid	134	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	134	



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

Response	Number	Percent
Yes	130	97%
No	4	3%
Total Valid	134	100%
Total Missing	0	
Total	134	

