

Office of Institutional Research

2007 Fall Check-In Survey Report

All surveys

All surveys:

Number of surveys = 500

Number of completed surveys = 247

Percent of surveys completed = 49.40 %

Number of people who have asked to be removed from survey pool = 0

Number of bad email addresses = 1

Number of inactive UofM email addresses = 1

Number of inactive UofM email addresses where survey was completed = 0

Full Report:

12. Was Convocation a worthwhile part of your transition to the University?

Yes very worthwhile

Absolutely, great kick-off and ice-breaker for incoming freshmen.

It was pretty important to go too. It really taught me how to become more successful at college and to motivate myself to be that successful.

Yes. I understand much about how I can use my time at the U to better things.

Yes, yes it was.

Yes, I felt that Convocation was a very good experience that made me feel accepted and a part of the University. It was a good "bonding" experience.

yes.

yes it was i just wish i didnt have class right after the ceremony.

Yes, I met more people.

Yes, the convocation to me was like a big welcome. After i felt like a true Gopher.

I don't think I would have transitioned any differently had I missed it.

Yes. Since I graduated from high school at Coffman, too, it was a nice way to start my college experience.

i wasnt there long enough due to classes

Of course, the band was there!

Yes

Convocation was okay, it got a little long, but the band was great.

yes

Yes, it was a great introduction to the University and helped me get situated instead of feeling lost.

yes

Yes. I felt it was a rite of passage, just like graduating from high school. It really confirmed the realities of attending college.

Yes, I though it was a fun way to see what the U is all about.

no, they tell something that I have known

Yes, it was good to hear from the president and other faculty.

It wasn't a huge part in the transition process. The transition was very individual for me.

Yes, I thought it was a good transition from moving in and not really being sure what to do next, and then starting class on Tuesday. It was also cool to be in the same room with all of my classmates.

Sure, it was interesting to hear the statistics about the class of 2011.

Yes

Yes, Great Timing during the year, but I felt that the time day could have been moved up some! What Else was I going to do on that night?

yes, it made everything feel offical.

I wouldn't say that it made anything easier or better, but I think that it was a good experiance.

yes

sure, it was a good kick off to the year i guess

Yes I felt truely a part of the University.

yes it was. i really enjoyed everything that happened and i was glad i went.

it was pretty good, not the greatest thing put on by the university for welcoming students but it was worthwhile.

yes and no, it was interesting to go to but if i didnt go it wouldnt be that big of a difference.

It was very worthwhile. I will recommend attending to any new incoming freshmen in the years to come.

Yes, it gave me pride to be a student of the University of Minnesota.

Yes.

Yes

Yes, I thought it was a worthwhile part of my transition because I was able to see all of the students in my year and I was able to learn a great deal about the university.

Yes

Not really since I had already been here a year during PSEO. I did it mostly for the points.

Yes, it helped me get to know more of the faculty and other new students.

yes

No

Yes

Yes, I think it is a good way to welcome students to the University.

Yes. It felt like I became connected to the school and that i belong here.

Yes, it was a really enjoyable experience. I would deffininitely go again.

Surely!

Yes. It wasn't necessary but it was a nice way to see people the first week. The student speakers were very good. and the band was the absolute best part! They were amazing

Yes

Sure

Yes, it was a good time I met a lot of people and had a lot of fun.

Not really, I believe I would have transitioned just as well without having attended Convocation.

It was fun and exciting, I would go again if my schedule permits.

I did not stay at convocation very long.

I think it as a good experiance because it was nice to learn a little more about the college. I als enjoyed hearing from the President, etc. But, in actuality, none of the things that were said really sunk in, especially when there are thousands of students listening. Obviously it had to be generic information that ended up being kind of corny.

Yes, I am glad that I attended

Yes, I enjoyed seeing how big my class was going to be when i graduate.

Yeah, it wasn't boring and again I felt welcomed!

Sure, although most of what was told there I already knew. But it was nice to feel welcomed.

It was alright

Sort of, I felt a little welcomed, but I still am overwhelmed, at least socially.

Yes it was because I got to see the president.

I'm not really sure, I don't feel like it was necessary to attend but they did a good job putting it on.

Yeah, it was a bit long but well done.

yes it was.

Yes, it provided me with some interesting facts and a feeling of motivation to try my best.

I got a tassel. There wasn't a whole lot to it other than that and some bad food.

nope

yes I believe that it was.

not really

It was a good show with some speakers that had interesting things to say, so yes. It wasn't anything amazing, but it was definitely not bad.

not really

Yes it was, it inspired me to get involved and stay focus from day one.

Yes. It was intersesting and fun.

No not really

yes it was.

i didnt attend the whole thing so this doesnt really apply

If I had attended all of it, I may have felt connected to the school more. It was nice that it was an option to attend it.

I don't think it was really that important. I mean we've listened to speeches before and they're all the same. Most people just tuned everything out and came for the food.

Yes it was

I thought convocation was worthwhile. Coming from a small town, I was worried about the size of the University affecting my becoming a part of it. After convocation, I was less worried and felt good about coming here.

no

sure

sure

Yes, I saw a lot of people I had met the previous days at school at it was a welcoming experience.

Yes, it is very motivating to look at your graduating tassel everyday. I am also proud to have it. The highlight of the event was the amazing band though!!

Being in band, I already felt like a part of the University so it was fun welcoming the rest of my class the the University.

Yes, it really introduced me to the U of M traditions and made me feel like a part of the community.

Yes...it helped me meet some new people.

Yes, it was fun and entertaining, and I got to meet new freshman students.

sure

I think it was worthwile, it was interesting to see the size of the class and it was nice to have a more formal welcome to the University.

parts were worthwhile... The faculty part took a almost too long, and the band songs would have been better if we didn't have to stand up and sing. I probably will not encourage or recommend it to next years freshman. At the same time, I won't DIScourage it either.

yes

yes, definitely. I was very impressed.

Not exactly; I didn't really learn anything I didn't already know.

no.

yes It was a worthwile to make for me an transition

I dont feel a listening to a speech can help with the complete transition but it was interesting to see who the president actually was and exciting to see the band perform

Yes, but I think it should be more accessible. I had to work in my dinning hall and was only able to attend a little of it. The U should have a way of excusing the first years from classes or on-camous jobs so we can all go to the whole thing.

yes, and I like the free t-shirt :)

Yes. I can't wait to perform in next year's Convocation.

Not really.. however I didn't get the same experience as other freshman since I was part of the program. I didn't get to hear the president speak or see the faculty presentation.

Yes, It helped me feel more apart of a group rather than isolated from the class of 2011.

Yes, Because it can let me know about the University quickly and clearly.

Yes, it was very worthwhile. I really enjoyed the program and it was fun to meet people. It was also very well organized.

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