



# Office of Institutional Research

## 2009 Spring Check-In Survey Report

### All surveys

#### All surveys:

Number of surveys = 500

Number of completed surveys = 123

Percent of surveys completed = 24.60 %

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

Number of bad email addresses = 0

Number of inactive UofM email addresses = 0

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

### Full Report:

#### 26. Additional comments:

My main grip with Welcome Week was that it packed our schedules so tightly with pointless activities (really, WHO likes ice breakers?) that we did not have time to get to know the U on our own.

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I don't think Welcome Week should be required, or pushed on people as if it is required.

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good luck, again!

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Welcome week was not that beneficial. I understand idea behind it and I truly appreciate the effort and goals of welcome week but execution was poor. I am a big supporter of group activities and of helping people and making people feel welcomed but Welcome Week was not designed properly. It felt that welcome week was structured around the idea of "what can we do to fill these 5 days?" It should have been structured as "What do we want to do and how long will it take?" I was bored during welcome week because it felt that I was doing things just to pass time instead of doing things that were truly beneficial to my first year of college. The idea and goals of welcome week I think would be very beneficial to students if welcome week was structured differently.

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Welcome Week was much too long. It would have been different if we were given more time to explore the campus and get a feel for it, but instead we followed around leaders and didn't even know where we were. Also, the presentations became repetitive. We understand that we must embrace differences in others. I love learning about other cultures, but it may make people stand-offish if you try to force it upon them.

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thank you for reading my comments and concerns. i think the surveys like this are something that the U of M excels in and is one of the best ways to hear insight and to only better one of the best schools in the country. keep it up

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This is an amazing University, I could not be happier with my decision in coming here.

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welcome week was unnecessary. i was thankful for the tours as i had no anxiety of where anything was but all the required seminars were tedious and unneeded.

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I feel that Welcome Week had good intentions, however I felt that it was too intense. I know of several people who felt that we were on too full of a schedule and would have liked more than one day to relax and get set up.

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Thank you.

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On the format of Welcome Week- I understand what it was supposed to accomplish- however, it turned into a daycamp for generally uninterested teenagers. I was a PSEO student last year that spent enough time on campus to feel fully comfortable coming into the school year. I think the time that welcome week occupies, while it was intended to be a directed transition, just ends up being emotionally draining. Think about it- You're sad about all your friends leaving, how you're not going to see my family as much, and worried as to how you're going to have to get used to a wholly new lifestyle. Requiring students to be in structured groups for the entire day is not going to make them feel any better. The messages relayed during welcome week could be made much more concise; if you made the required amount of time each day something like a seminar (2 hours in the morning M-F or something similar), supplemented by optional events, I believe you would more appropriately address the needs of incoming students.

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see above

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Those "Student Development Outcomes" really should not be named for us. I honestly don't care what names you put to being a good student and person, and I don't want to hear them. They sound cheesy and institutional and are completely unnecessary for me to be successful.

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Thanks for a great campus!

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I am in marching band, so I didn't do a majority of the welcome week activities, but I felt appropriately acclimated to the college experience by my marching band experience.

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