

Summary of Selected Responses

Educational Experiences and Advising Questionnaire

(Transfer Student Form)

Characteristics of Respondents

- ❑ Of the 1,419 transfer students who registered for Fall 2006 classes, 62.2% completed the *Educational Experiences and Advising Questionnaire (Transfer Student Form)*.
- ❑ In terms of demographic characteristics, you were split nearly 50-50 in terms of gender (49.7% female, 50.2% male) and were more likely to identify as Caucasian (67.5%) as compared to any other ethnic group.
- ❑ You averaged 22 years old at the time you applied to UB.
- ❑ Most of you hail from Western New York (54.9%) followed by Central New York (22.5%), the Metropolitan New York City Area (13.4%), Eastern New York (6.2%), and Out of State (2.7%).

Educational Background of Respondents

- ❑ Most of you have attended only one institution of higher education before attending UB (62.4%), but 37.6% of you have attended 2 or more institutions prior to enrolling at UB.
- ❑ 72.9% of you transferred from 4-year institutions, and 26.5% of you transferred from 2-year institutions; 81.1% of you transferred from public institutions, and 18.3% of you transferred from private institutions.
- ❑ On average, your incoming QPA (quality point average) from other institutions attended is 3.02.
- ❑ The most popular intended major is Health Sciences, with 28% of you indicating that you intend to major in this area. The “professional area,” which includes such majors as architecture and urban planning, management, and social work was second with 23% intending to major in one of these areas.
- ❑ 31.6% of you are arriving at UB having already earned an associate’s degree, while an additional 5.2% of you have earned a bachelor’s degree in a different major area.

Responses to Selected Questionnaire Items

- ❑ Most of you (43.5%) indicated that your primary reason for selecting UB was the availability of your major or other academic opportunities. An additional 12.6% indicated that you had wanted to attend UB from the start. Another 12.5% mentioned cost and financial reasons as the primary reason for selecting UB, and 11.0% of you cited location/distance from home as your primary reason.
- ❑ In terms of where you are living this semester, 36.9% of you indicated that you planned to live on campus, 26.6% of you indicated that you planned to live off-

campus with family or other relatives, and 35.3% of you indicated that you planned to live off-campus but not with family.

- ☐ For those of you living off-campus, 76.6% of you will be able to drive to campus in 30 minutes or less. Only 1.6% of you indicate that it will take longer than 1 hour to get to campus.
- ☐ 87.4% of you plan to work while you are attending you UB, and 29.6% of you plan to work more than 20 hours per week.
- ☐ 22.4% of you are first-generation college students, and 41.4% of you have people who are depending on you living with you at home.
- ☐ You were asked to rate yourself on attributes which are related to success in college. Below, each attribute is listed, along with the percentage of you who indicated that you are above average in that attribute.

Academic Ability – 70.5%

Computer Skills – 54.3%

Cooperativeness – 76.3%

Creativity – 63.4%

Drive to Achieve – 80.3%

Leadership Ability – 62.0%

Mathematical Ability – 46.9%

Persistence – 72.7%

Public Speaking Ability – 36.7%

Reading Ability – 61.8%

Social Self-Confidence – 55.7%

Study Skills – 40.7%

Time Management – 45.2%

Writing Ability – 53.4%

- ☐ We asked each of you how important particular goals are to your future. Below, each of these goals is listed along with the percentage of you who indicated that it was very important or essential.

Obtaining recognition for contributions to my special field – 58.6%

Influencing the political structure – 21.5%

Influencing social values – 45.0%

Raising a family – 75.1

Having administrative responsibility for the work of others – 47.8%

Being very well off financially – 73.2%

Helping others who are in difficulty – 72.7%

Becoming successful in a business of my own – 48.0%

Developing a meaningful philosophy of life – 69.8%

Performing community service – 41.0%

Keeping up to date with political affairs – 40.2%

Becoming a community leader – 27.8%

Improving my understanding of other countries and cultures – 58.2%