

CULTURAL COMPETENCY SURVEY

Conducted May 2014

88%

of respondents answered **agree, agree a little** or **strongly agree** when asked if they are interested in learning about other cultures.

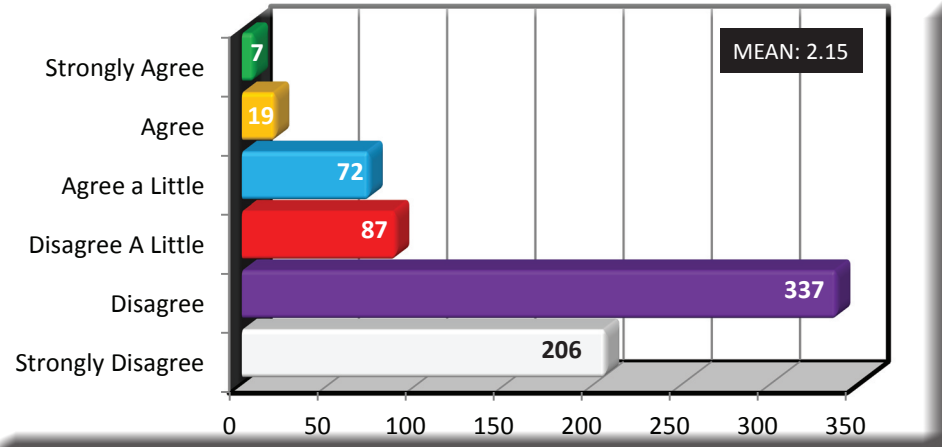
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of respondents answered **agree, agree a little** or **strongly agree** when asked if they best understand someone after getting to know how he/she is both similar and different from me.

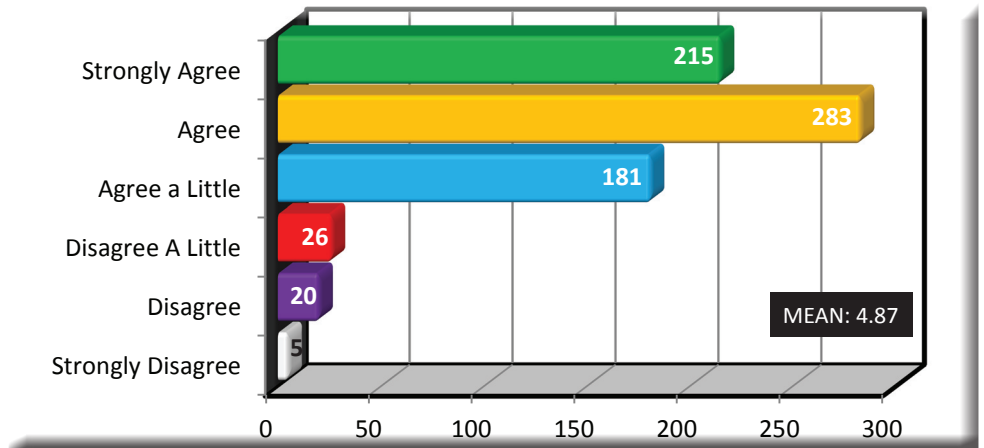
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of respondents answered **disagree, disagree a little** or **strongly disagree** when asked if they are only at ease with people of their race.

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SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Sample size: 730

Asian:	2%	Multiple Race/Ethnicity:	1%	Female:	60%
Black/African American:	7%	Non-Resident International:	1%	Male:	40%
Hispanic/Latino:	3%	Not Specified:	1%		
White:	84%				

SURVEY & DATA

QUESTION	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree A Little	Agree A Little	Agree	Strongly Agree	MEAN
I would like to join an organization that emphasizes getting to know people from different countries.	15	73	71	252	207	118	4.24
Persons with disabilities can teach me things I could not learn elsewhere.	5	20	26	181	283	215	4.87
Getting to know someone of another race is generally an uncomfortable experience for me.	206	337	87	72	19	7	2.15
I would like to go to dances that feature music from other cultures.	63	143	141	203	128	51	3.47
I can best understand someone after I get to know how he/she is both similar and different from me.	5	17	29	123	359	196	4.92
I am only at ease with people of my race.	294	268	83	54	22	9	2.00
I often listen to music of other cultures.	95	207	133	154	86	54	3.12
Knowing how a person differs from me greatly enhances our friendship.	14	56	106	279	210	65	4.11
It's really hard for me to feel close to a person from another race.	260	278	105	58	20	7	2.07
I am interested in learning about the many cultures that have existed in this world.	8	33	45	186	245	212	4.73
In getting to know someone, I like knowing both how he/she differs from me and is similar to me.	6	25	36	175	341	146	4.73
It is very important that a friend agrees with me on most issues	63	222	177	182	71	15	3.03
I attend events where I might get to know people from different racial backgrounds.	34	134	162	226	131	41	3.56
Knowing about the different experiences of other people helps me understand my own problems better.	7	32	58	240	274	119	4.51
I often feel irritated by persons of a different race.	261	239	96	74	38	18	2.23

Q&A

Q: Why was this survey conducted?

A: After various faculty and student groups proposed the need for a cultural competency course, Faculty Council developed the survey to determine whether there was a need for such course or if the cultural competency components of existing classes were sufficient.

Q: What are some possible factors leading to the positive outcomes?

A: The aspects of cultural competency embedded in various existing course are promoting cultural competency in our students.

Q: What are the next steps?

A: Every freshman will be surveyed each fall (starting Fall 2014) and every senior being surveyed each spring (starting in Spring 2015) in order to assess any trends and determine what has the greatest effect on students' cultural competency.