Triad Student Survey For Returning Results

The Cadet Mindset

Associated Students, Corps of Cadets and Housing
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Focus Of The Survey

Gauging Student Concerns

• The largest and loudest concern the Triad was hearing was lack of detailed information.
• The Triad unanimously agreed that given the concerns being heard from the student body, it was imperative we survey the students.
• While not all students are in favor of returning, those that are in favor of returning to campus for face-to-face instruction are seriously concerned with a lack of information that has been provided to them.
Mechanics Behind Survey

The numbers

- We sorted returners and non returners with the first question
- We will focus on returning students (432 out of 502 estimated by academics)
  - Notice: the 41 unsure students

1. Does your academic major require a return to campus for face-to-face instruction?

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General Results

Information and Health & Safety

• Largest source of information is president's emails.
  Students are relying on president's emails.
  However students voiced frustration to receiving little to no communication from other departments..
• Cadets are taking COVID-19 safety precautions very seriously.
  82% of RETURNING students said they STONGLY AGREE that they are taking necessary safety precautions.
Pressured to Return

Lack of Options Available

9. I feel pressured to return to campus to finish classes and graduate on time.

"Why [are we] forced to return to campus as we will be the only university doing so?"
Changes in licensing

What the actual implications are of the coast guard decision for SENIORS. Us seniors have not had a direct address and we are the most affected by the closure. Everyone else has years to have their issues figured out and have had correspondence but the impacted senior class has had no directed message as to the plan to get us out and earning money in time for us to start making student loan payments. (Not the fault of the triad but you're the only ones that will listen.)

I have not been given any information regarding the Coast Guard's response to our situation, and would like to know what may or has already changed for the purpose of determining my continued enrollment at this academy.
Licensing Revisions

Why students feel pressured

• Students don't know how the USCG licensing revisions affect them.

8. Would changes in US Coast Guard licensing requirements influence your decision to return to campus?

More Details

- Yes: 140
- No: 128
- Maybe: 131
- N/A: 31
Summer Cruises
Health Vs. Academic Concerns

- Current cruise dates do not address the current revisions by USCG
- Summer cruise does not address commercial cruise concerns
- What is the school's response if someone does show signs of COVID-19?
- Social distancing on the TSGB?
- Will cost of cruise change given the voyage is now restricted to no ports?
- Medical facilities/staff on the TSGB?
Students feel responsible for their own health & safety

- Students lack confidence in their fellow students to practice safe measures against COVID-19

Confidence

I feel confident in the campus's ability to protect my physical health when I return to finish courses.

I feel confident in my ability to maintain social distancing while on campus or in a classroom setting.

I feel confident in the ability of others who would also be on campus to maintain social distancing while on...
Summary of Survey

Information and Health & Safety

• Several cadets are unsure if they even need to return.
• Cadets are taking COVID 19 seriously.
• Lack of licensing and academics information contributed to lack of confidence in "return to campus" plan
• Lack of information, "What's the plan?" was voiced multiple times.
• Lots of questions surrounding cruise.
Recommendations

- Must provide options for those that do not feel they can safely return and publicize them.
- Engage student TRIAD leadership in more decision making and planning processes to represent cadet mindset/concerns
- Create an open dialogue around COVID-19 information with campus community
- Increase/begin messaging from campus departments (academics and licensing)
  - Class specific messages
  - Major specific messages
Questions?
Feel free to reach out...

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