

Reimagining the Undergraduate Experience: Parents' Perspectives

Brief description of project:

As a part of the examination of General Education and the undergraduate experience on campus, parents/family members of undergraduate students are also invited to share their perspectives and opinions of the University of Utah.

Who was asked to complete survey:

Parents & Family members who are currently part of the Parent Association listserv and the Emergency Contact of current undergraduate students.

Administration Type: department-sent e-mail to over 5,000 and also sent postcards 12,000 people. However, the number of duplicates is unknown.

Respondents: 84 parents

Summary of Key Findings:

Respondents have the sense that their student is receiving a valuable and enriching education at the University.

Respondents mentioned specific programs as positive experiences: Academic Advising, living in residence halls, UROP, Honors, public transit available to students, the Parent Association, and internship opportunities.

Respondents also expressed a sense of frustration at the lack of communication from the University, though much of it is related to personal information, to which they do not have access.

Actions Taken:

Results will be presented to Vice President Snyder and Associate Vice President Bradley in a meeting concerning the future of Parent & Family Programs on campus. Results will also be incorporated in to the Undergraduate Studies process of examining General Education and the undergraduate experience at the University of Utah.

Which Student Affairs goals does this project align with? 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8