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Selected Findings from the Spring 2017 Enrolled Student Survey
The Enrolled Student Survey

• This survey collects general feedback about student satisfaction and engagement to illustrate how TC students interact with the wider TC community.

• The survey is administered twice a year during the Fall and Spring semesters. The survey asks a series of core questions and includes semester-specific additions.

• The Spring 2017 version included items speaking to several TC offices, including Residential Life, the Graduate Writing Center, and Student Affairs.

• There were 1,543 responses to the Spring 2017 survey.
How representative were the survey respondents of the total enrolled population?

- Survey respondents were representative of the total enrolled population by several measures, including department and degree.
The majority of respondents indicated satisfaction across all items.

More than 75% of respondents indicated that the quality of courses and quality of faculty and were either good or excellent.

A small percentage of respondents (<10%) expressed dissatisfaction with their overall experience at TC.
Student Perceptions of Program Quality

- **Over 70%** of respondents viewed their program as one of the best in the field.

- The **majority** (nearly 80%) of respondents reported that **different scholarly view points are encouraged** in their courses and that their **coursework also has practical implications**.
The majority of respondents (50%+) reported feeling “somewhat engaged” with the TC community, while over 25% indicated that they did not feel connected with the TC community at all.

Comparing full-time and part-time students, a greater percentage of part-time respondents indicated they were “not at all” engaged with the TC Community.

Most respondents reported spending about 1-5 hours each week engaged with TC.
Event Offerings and Attendance

A majority of respondents (+70%) indicated that the number of events organized at TC for their academic interest, political interests, and social interest was “About right.”

More than half of respondents reported attending at least one professional research and/or networking event and at least one TC sponsored social event in the last year.
Student Membership in TC clubs

- Teachers College has over 45 student clubs and organizations.

- Approximately **one-third of respondents** reported membership in at least one club.
The majority of survey respondents who live on campus indicated satisfaction with their housing, and also said that they would recommend living on-campus to others.

Nearly all respondents living on campus indicated that they felt safe in their residence halls (96%) and many felt that the atmosphere in residence halls are supportive of students of different backgrounds (78%)
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