

SENATE RESOLUTION #2544



TITLE: ASUW Recommendation on Programmatic Fee Implementation
DATE INTRODUCED: March 21, 2016
AUTHOR: Senator Kerbs
SPONSORS: Senators Defebaugh, Dooley, Potter, Welsh, and Wetzel;
Freshman Senator Jones

1. WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) Student
2. Government should accurately represent our fellow students; and,
3. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) serves as a “resource for accessible and
4. affordable higher education of the highest quality” for residents of Wyoming, the
5. nation, and the world; and,
6. WHEREAS, in the summer and fall of 2016, the Revenue Enhancement Subcommittee of
7. the Financial Crisis Advisory Committee created a proposal to institute university-wide
8. undergraduate programmatic fees at UW; and,
9. WHEREAS, in December 2016, the Programmatic Fee Implementation Committee (PFIC)
10. was charged by UW President Nichols to receive feedback on the original
11. proposal, modify it as appropriate, incorporate feedback, and develop plans and associated
12. policy on implementation of the plan with a goal of creating a transparent and accountable
13. system; and,
14. WHEREAS, the committee has reformatted the programmatic fee proposal, as seen in
15. Addendum A; and,
16. WHEREAS, the committee has received feedback in the form of student surveys as shown in
17. Addendum B as well as open forums within the colleges; and,
18. WHEREAS, college, program, and course-differentiated fees currently exist in all

19. undergraduate colleges at UW; and,

20. WHEREAS, implementation of programmatic fees for all undergraduate programs at UW

21. would provide sorely-needed simplification of the current academic fee structure; and,

22. WHEREAS, implementation of college-differentiated fees is accompanied by review

23. processes on both the college and administrative levels, which enables broader student

24. involvement, greater transparency, and a higher degree of accountability than is

25. possible with the current fee review and implementation process; and,

26. WHEREAS, increased funding will allow for further development of UW Colleges,

27. Departments, and Programs to enhance the quality of the students' educational experience

28. and maintain student services which are otherwise jeopardized due to decreased

29. funding from the State of Wyoming and university-wide budget reductions; and,

30. WHEREAS, it is shown from the survey results that many different majorities of students,

31. within each college, support several academic services which will be instituted or enhanced

32. from the implementation of the programmatic fee proposal, including seat guarantee

33. programs and many others which are specific to each college and program; and,

34. WHEREAS, if the current programmatic fee proposal was implemented, UW would still be

35. the lowest cost doctoral institution in the country; and;

36. WHEREAS, although UW would remain the most affordable doctoral institution in the

37. country, it is completely unique in the fact that it is the only option for obtaining higher

38. education for many students, especially residents of Wyoming, but also many others who are

39. not; and,

40. WHEREAS, there will be an ongoing four (4) percent tuition increase per year, until

41. modified by the UW Board of Trustees; and,

42. WHEREAS, implementation of the programmatic fee proposal will result in an average
43. increase to cost of attendance for undergraduate students of \$394 per semester as per the
44. original report from the Revenue Enhancement Subcommittee; and,
45. WHEREAS, significant negative impact to a large quantity of students is shown by the
46. student surveys included in Addendum B; and,
47. WHEREAS, UW should not take action which will excessively and perhaps irrevocably
48. damage the incredibly high degree of accessibility and affordability currently offered; and,
49. WHEREAS, due to time restraints after completing its student feedback initiatives, the PFIC
50. neither considered, nor suggested, any modifications to the proposed levels of the college
51. and program-differentiated fees; and,
52. WHEREAS, the many benefits of implementing a college and program-differentiated fee
53. proposal will increase the students' educational experience, but do not negate the significant
54. increase of financial strain which many students will face.
55. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
56. (ASUW) Student Government recognize, appreciate, and support the many benefits which
57. would result from implementation of a university-wide, undergraduate programmatic fees at
58. the University of Wyoming (UW); and,
59. THEREFORE, be it further resolved, that the ASUW Student Government believes despite
60. the many benefits, the currently proposed levels of college and program-differentiated fees
61. would cause excessive, increased financial strain upon many students and would
62. significantly damage UW's mission to be a "resource for accessible and affordable higher
63. education"; and,
64. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW Student Government would support

65. implementation of a university-wide, undergraduate programmatic fees at UW, but not
66. unless the currently proposed levels are significantly decreased; and,
67. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW Student Government implore the UW
68. Board of Trustees to reduce the current fee levels proposed, so it will not have an inordinate,
69. negative impact upon the undergraduate students.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

Date of Passage: 03/21/17 Signed: Tyler Wallace
(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on 03/27/2017, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action." [Signature]
ASUW President

ADDENDUM A

Programs	Fee	Course Codes
Arts and Science Program Fees	\$10	All A&S codes not shown below
A&S Science and Quantitative Programs (Sci-Q)		
Tier 1	\$20	ANTH, GEOG, MATH, PSYC, STAT
Tier 2	\$30	GEOG
Tier 3	\$55	ASTR, BOT, CHEM, LIFE, PHYS, ZOO
A&S Visual and Perf. Arts (VPA)	\$55	ART, MUSC, THEA
Agriculture Studio/Science Program Fees		
Tier A	\$20	AGEC, AGRI
Tier B	\$25	AECL, ANSC, ENTO, ESM, FCSC, FDSC, MICR, MOLB, PATB, PLNT, REWM, RNEW, SOIL
Business Program Fees	\$45	All codes in Business College
Education Program Fees	\$45	All codes in Education College
Engineering and Applied Science Program Fees	\$69	All codes in Engineering College
Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Program Fees	\$48	
Health Sciences Program Fees		
Health Sciences Program Fee	\$12	All HS codes not shown below
Communications Disorders	\$42	SPPA
Kinesiology And Health	\$42	HLED, KIN
Nursing	\$42	NURS

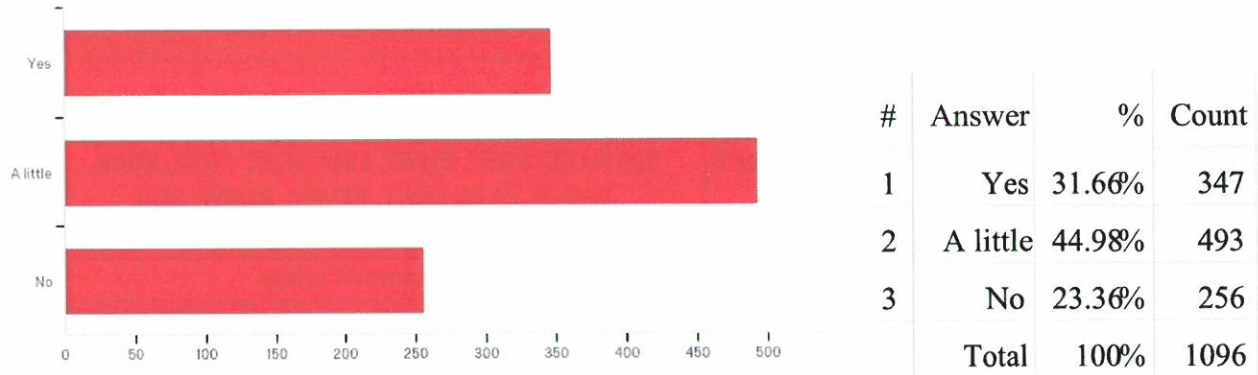
ADDENDUM B

All Colleges

UW Undergraduate Program Fees Student

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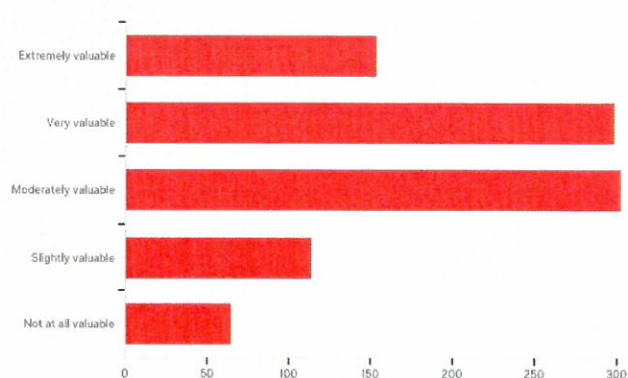
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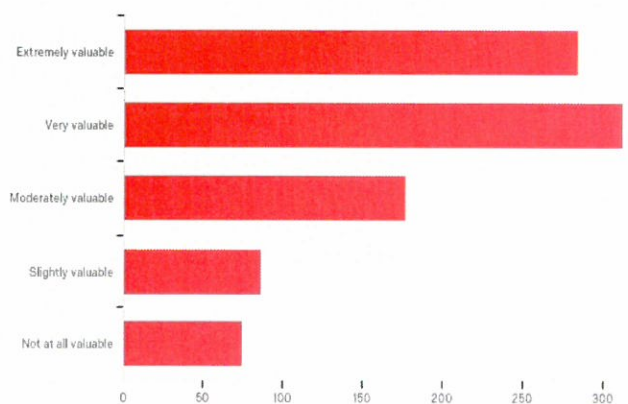


Q13 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to technology (computers, software, etc.)?



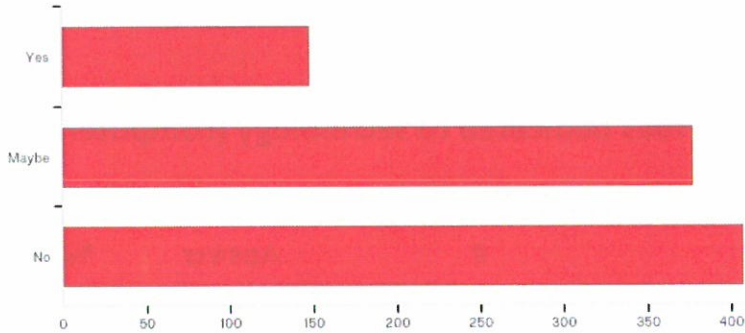
#	Answer	%	Count
5	Extremely valuable	16.47%	154
4	Very valuable	31.98%	299
3	Moderately valuable	32.41%	303
2	Slightly valuable	12.19%	114
1	Not at all valuable	6.95%	65
Total		100%	935

Q4 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to the promise of a seat guarantee in your classes?



#	Answer	%	Count
5	Extremely valuable	30.41%	284
4	Very valuable	33.40%	312
3	Moderately valuable	18.95%	177
2	Slightly valuable	9.21%	86
1	Not at all valuable	8.03%	75
Total		100%	934

Q7 - Do you generally support the increase in fees for your major/program?



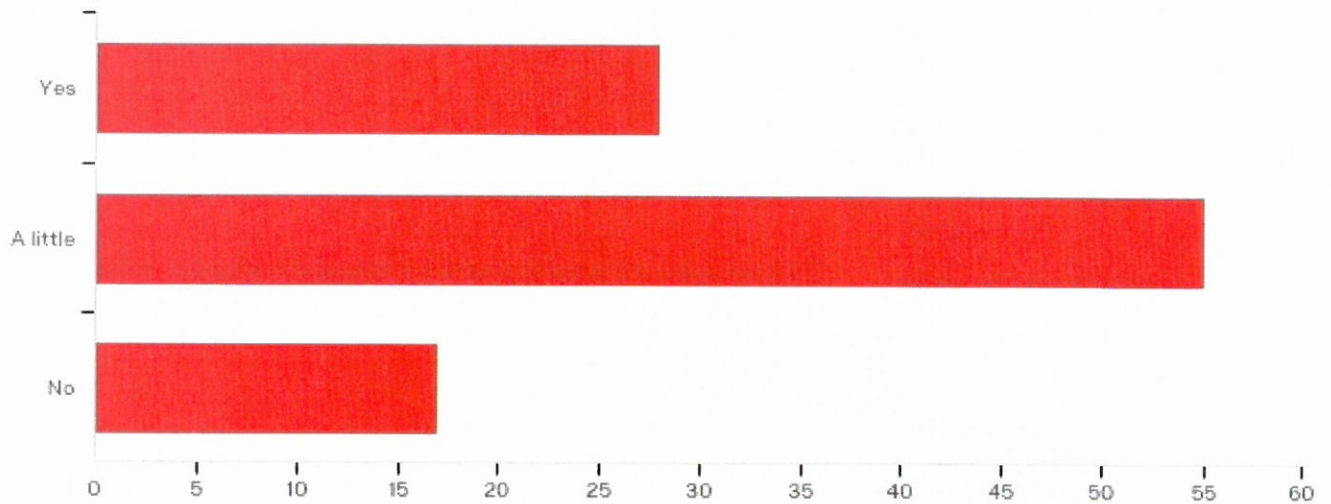
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3	Yes	15.85%	148
2	Maybe	40.47%	378
1	No	43.68%	408
Total		100%	934

Agriculture & Natural Resources

UW Undergraduate Program Fees Student

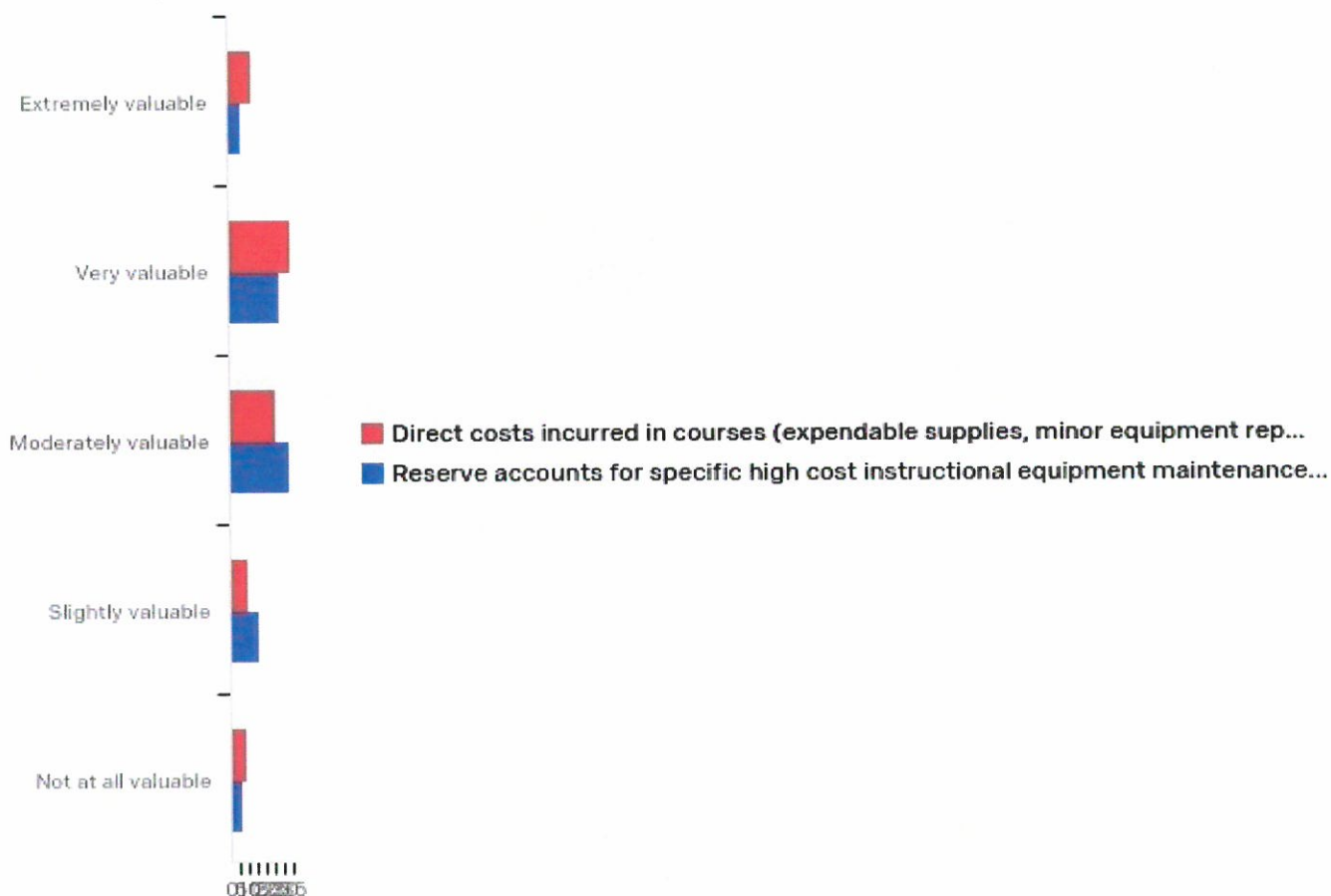
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Q2 - Are you familiar with the proposed program fees for your college?



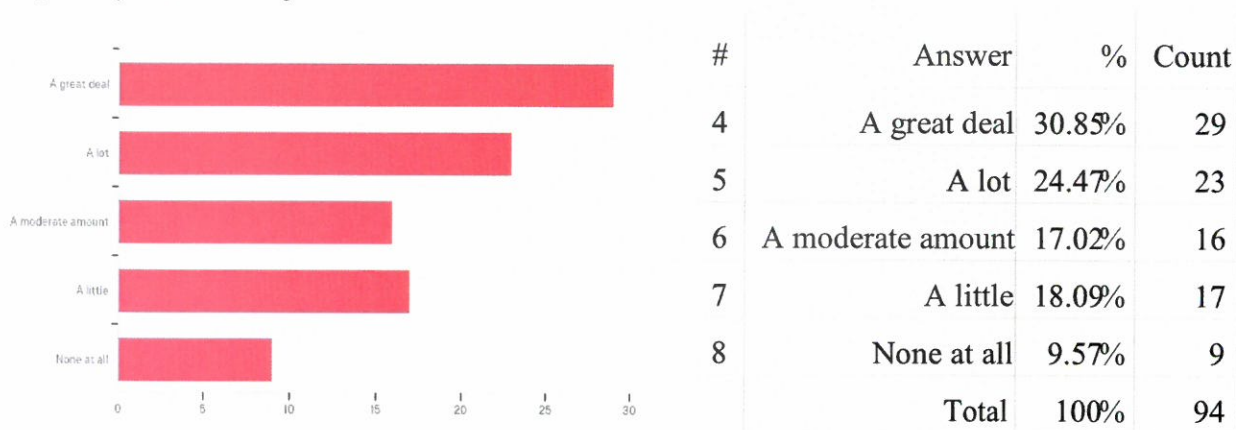
#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	28.00%	28
2	A little	55.00%	55
3	No	17.00%	17
	Total	100%	100

Q14 - As a student in Agriculture & Natural Resources, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.

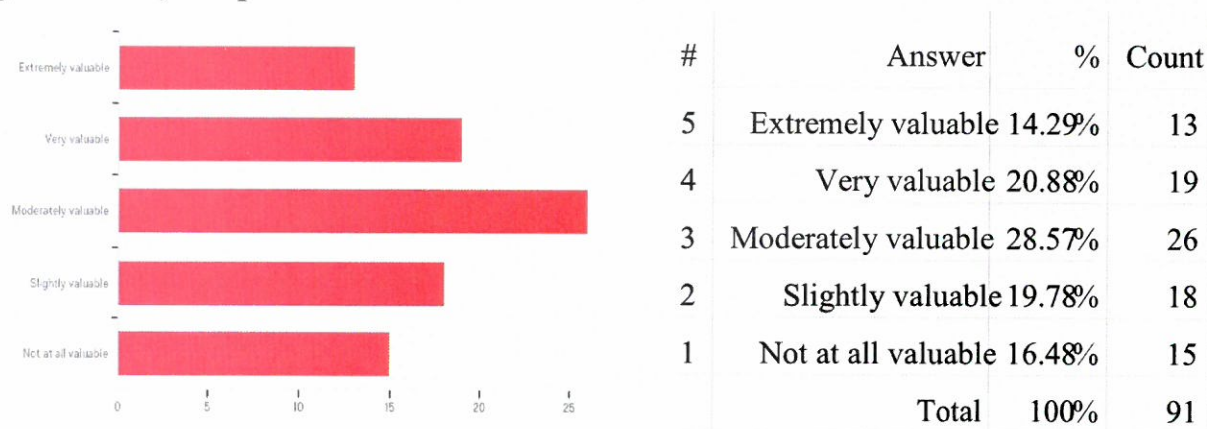


#	Question	Extremely valuable	Very Valuable	Moderately Valuable	Slightly valuable	Not at All valuable	Total
1	Direct costs incurred in courses (expendable supplies, minor equipment replacement, field trips	14 (14.89%)	35 (37.23%)	27 (28.72%)	10 (10.64%)	8 (8.51%)	94
2	Reserve accounts for specific high cost instructional equipment maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrades as appropriate	7 (7.61%)	29 (31.52%)	34 (36.96%)	16 (17.39%)	6 (6.52%)	92

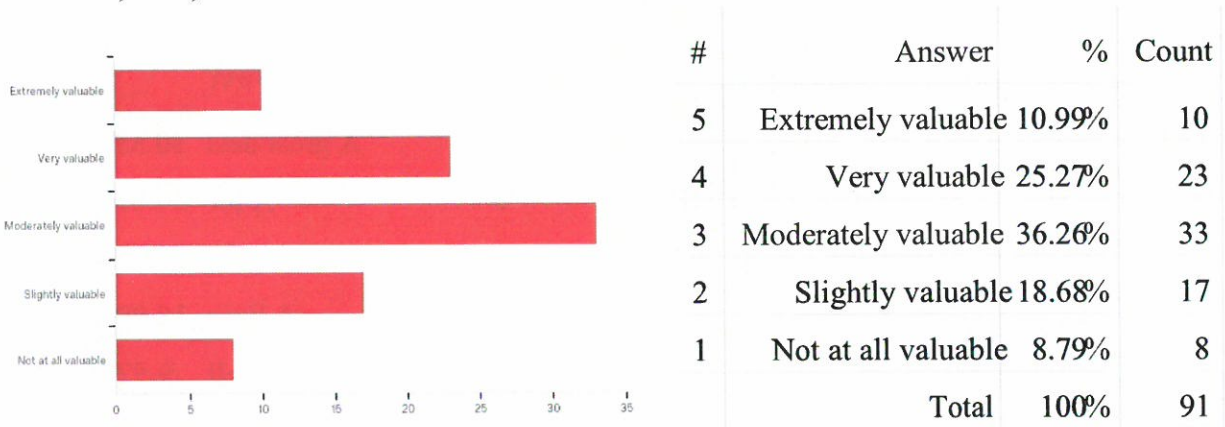
Q33 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$20-\$25 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford to attend UW



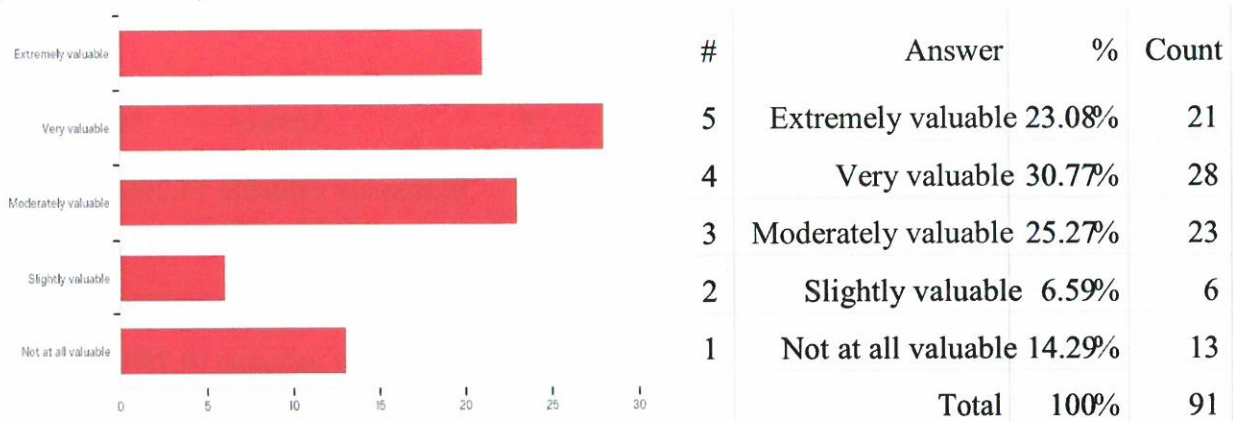
Q3 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to professional advising (including distance students, transfer students, first-time, first year, first generation) to special all students' needs?



Q13 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to technology (computers, software, etc.)?



Q4 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to the promise of a seat guarantee in your classes?

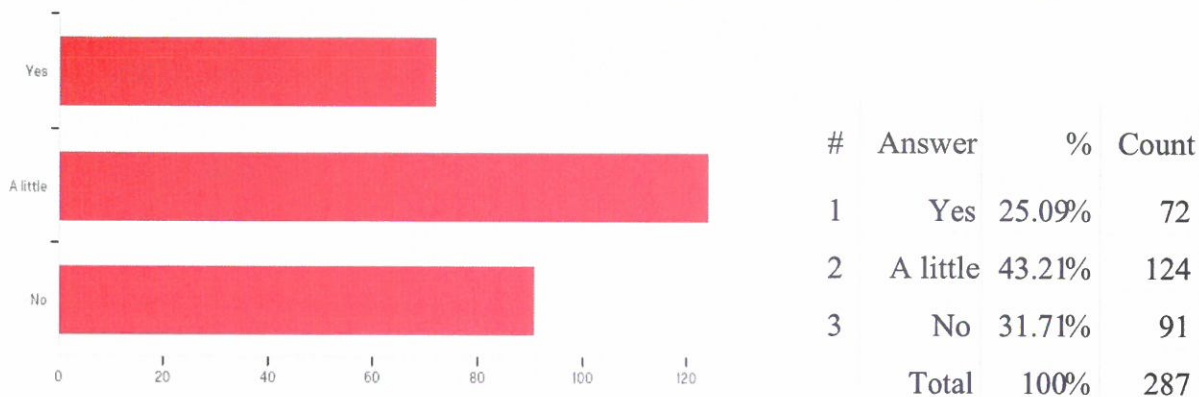


Arts & Sciences

UW Undergraduate Program Fees Student

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Q2 - Are you familiar with the proposed program fees for your college?



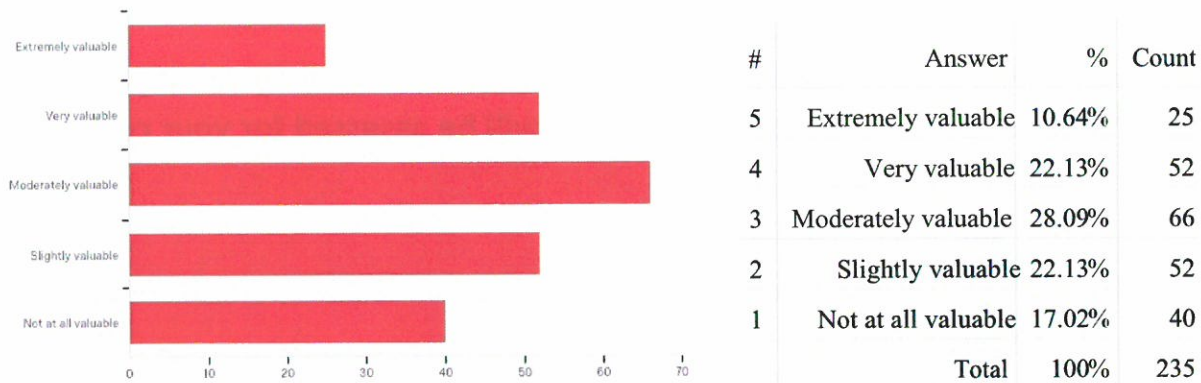
Q29 - As a student in Arts & Sciences, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.



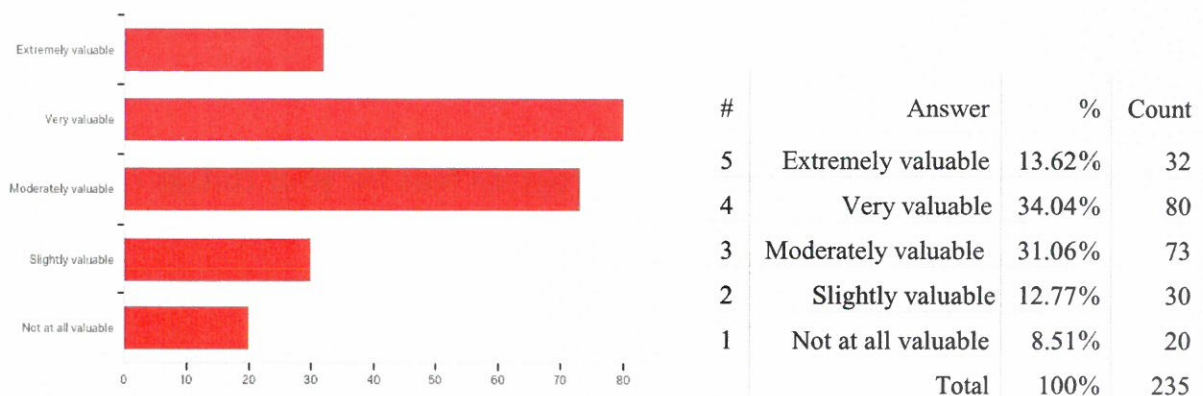
Q34 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$10 per credit hour (plus additional an \$20 to \$55 for courses in Science, Quantitative, and Visual & Performing Arts) to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



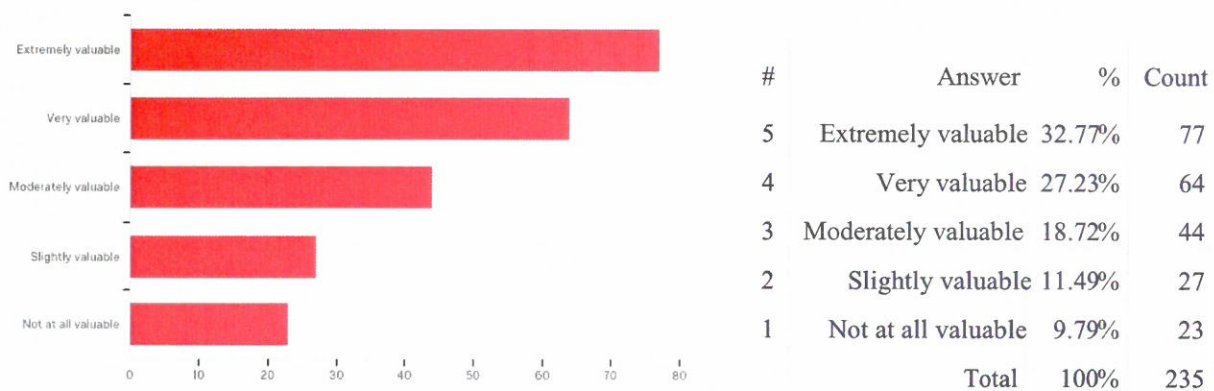
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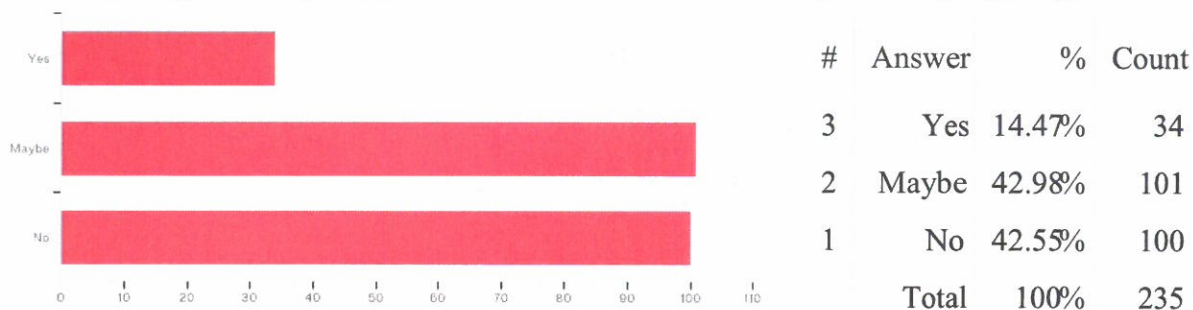
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Q7 - Do you generally support the increase in fees for your major/program?

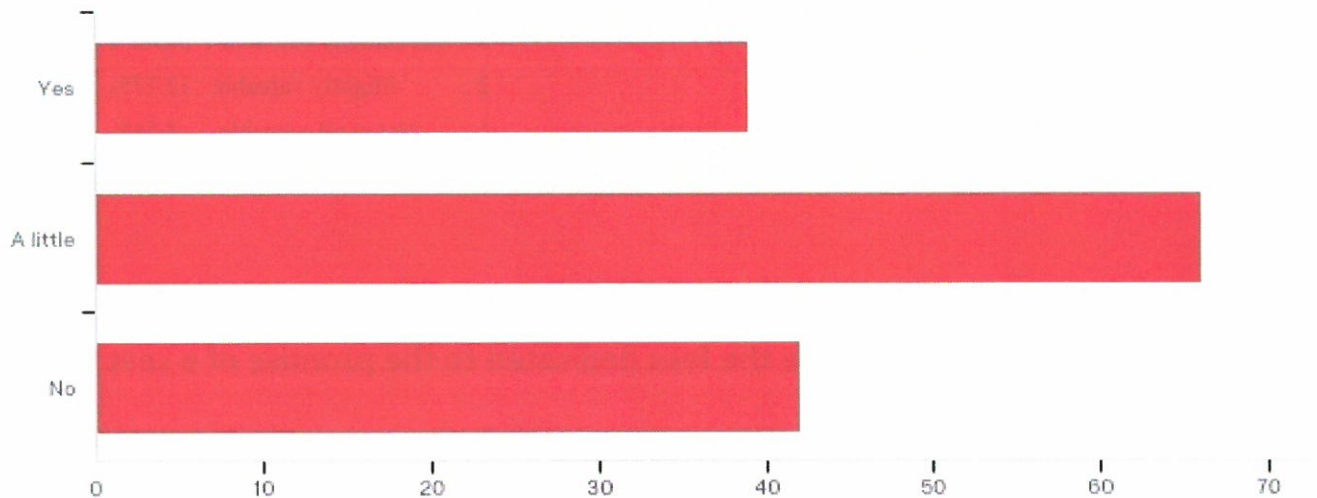


Business

UW Undergraduate Program Fees Student

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Q2 - Are you familiar with the proposed program fees for your college?

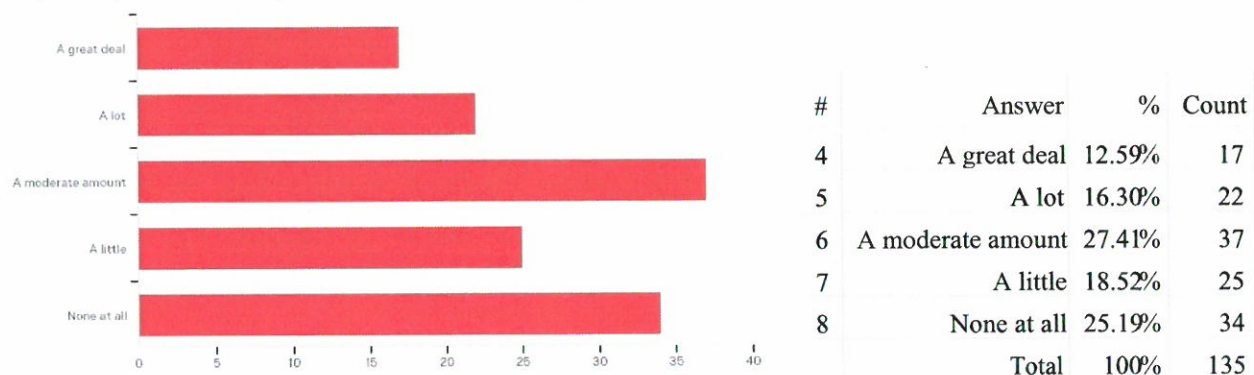


#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	26.53%	39
2	A little	44.90%	66
3	No	28.57%	42
Total		100%	147

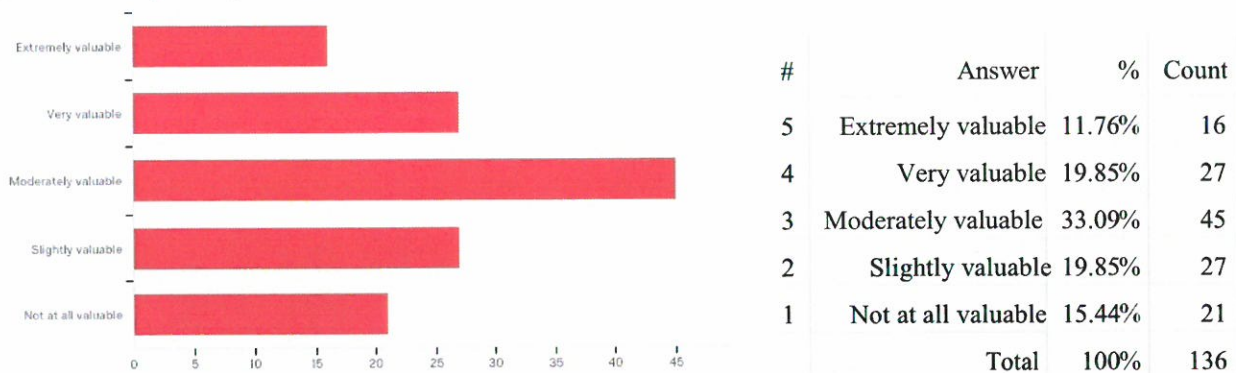
Q22 - As a student in Business, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.



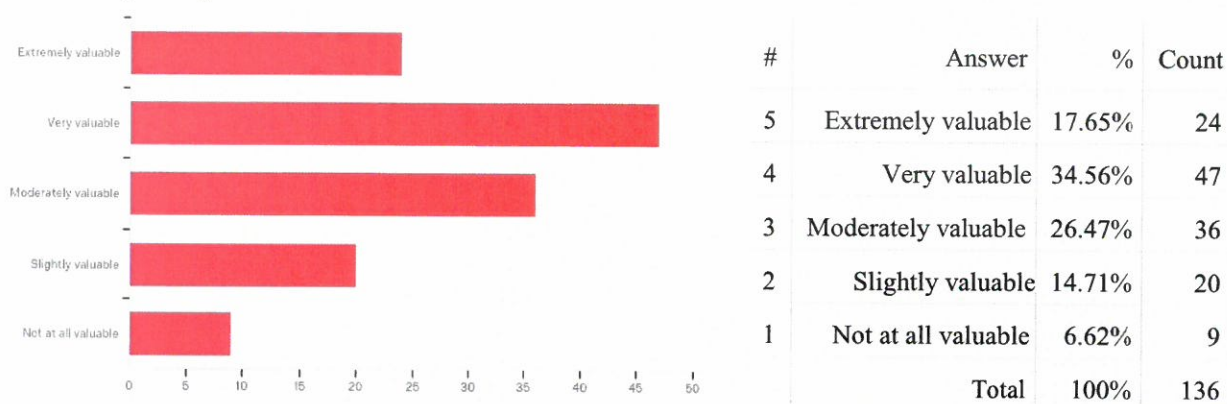
Q35 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$45 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



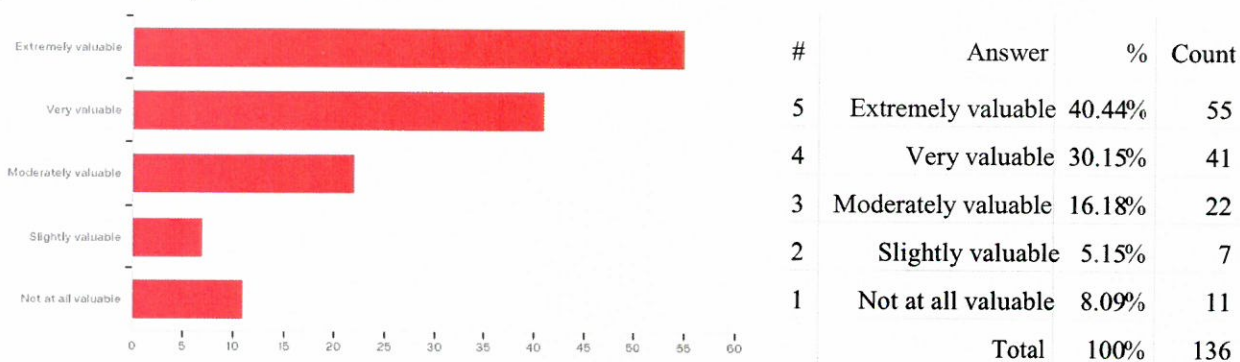
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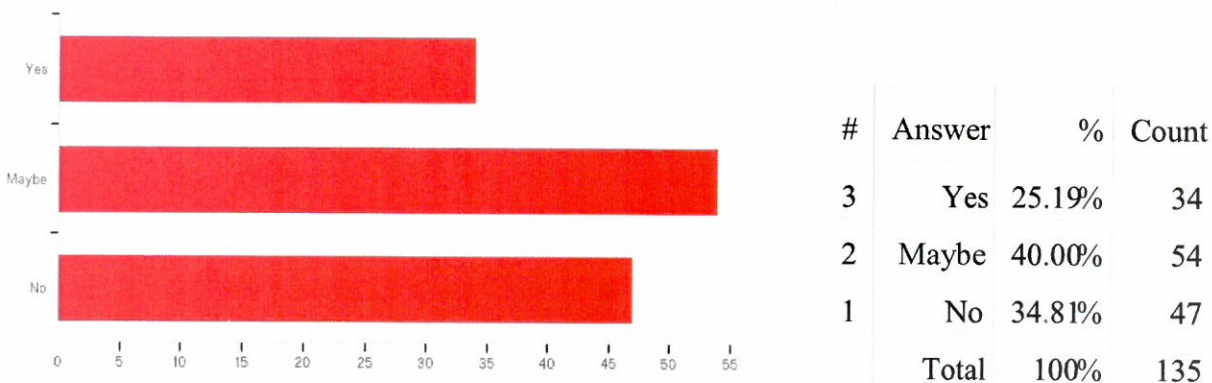
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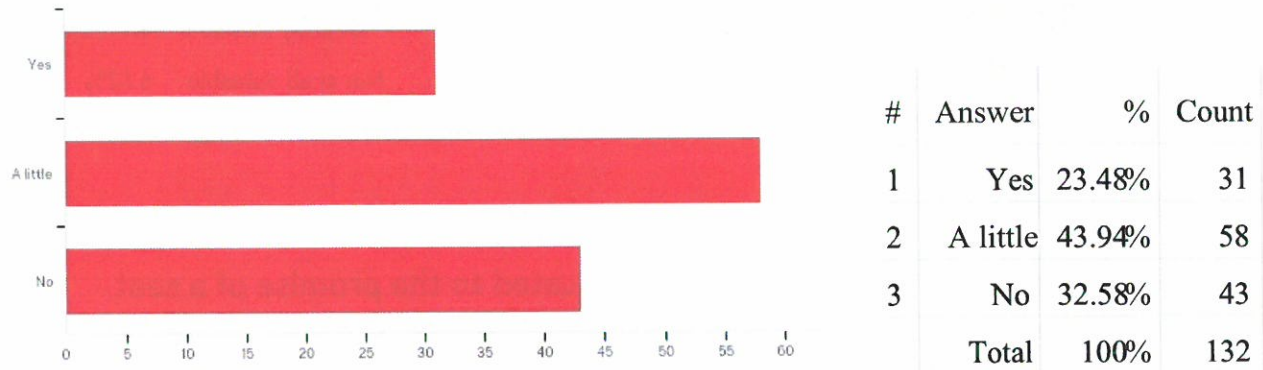


Education

UW Undergraduate Program Fees Student

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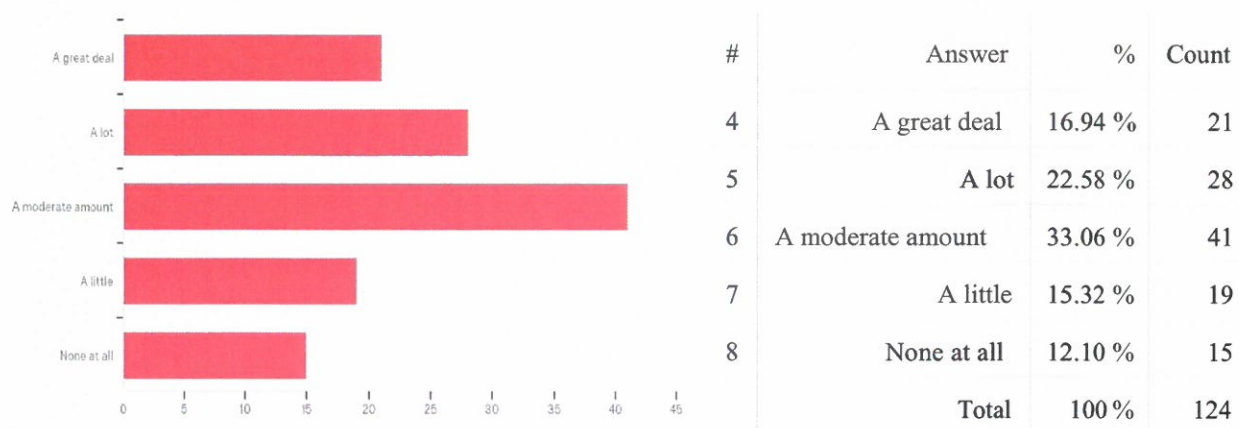
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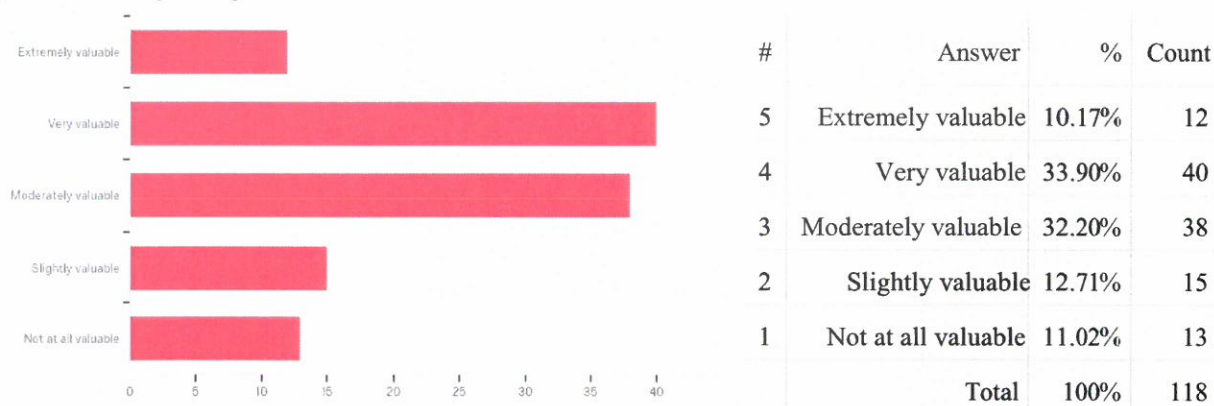
Q15 - As a student in Education, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.



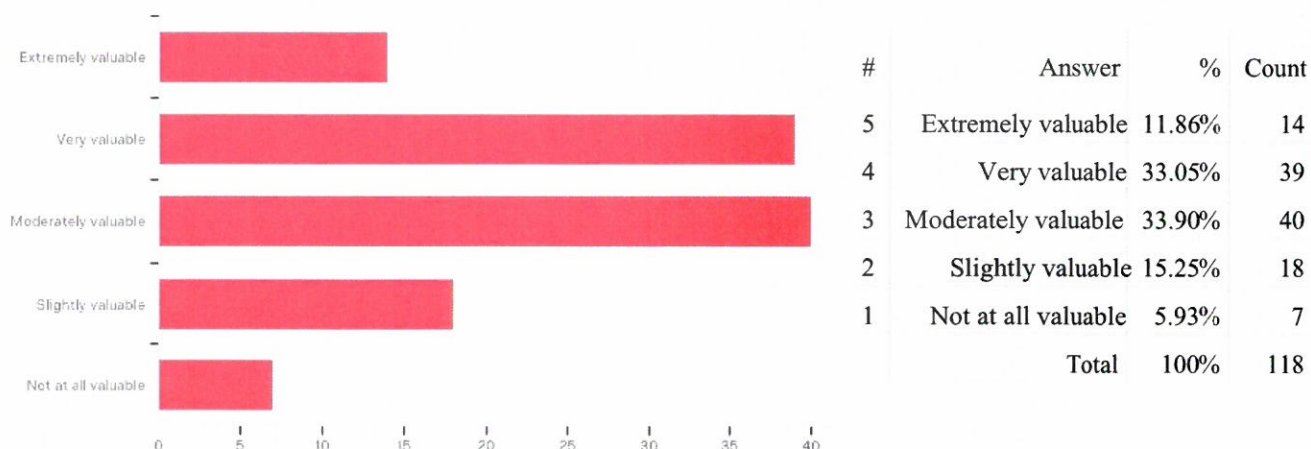
Q36 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$45 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



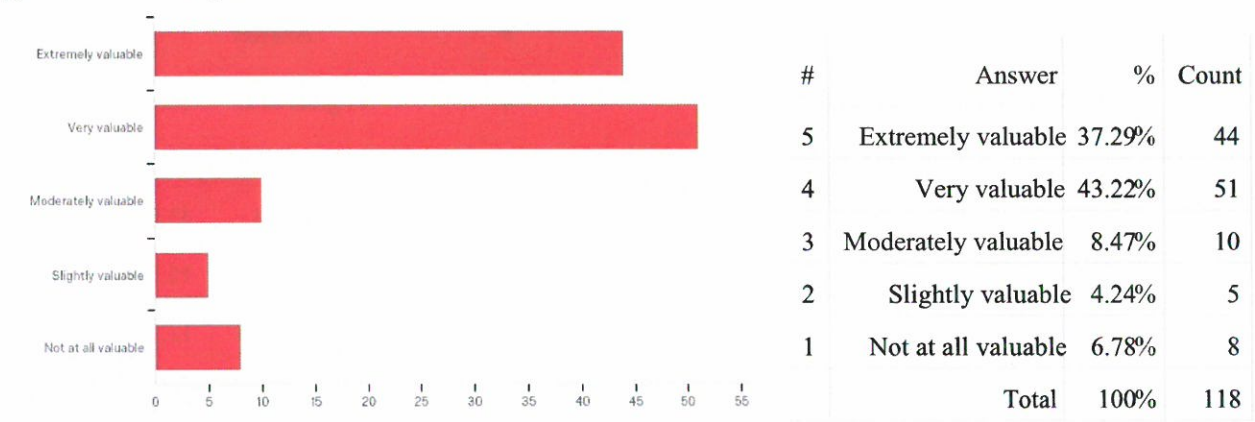
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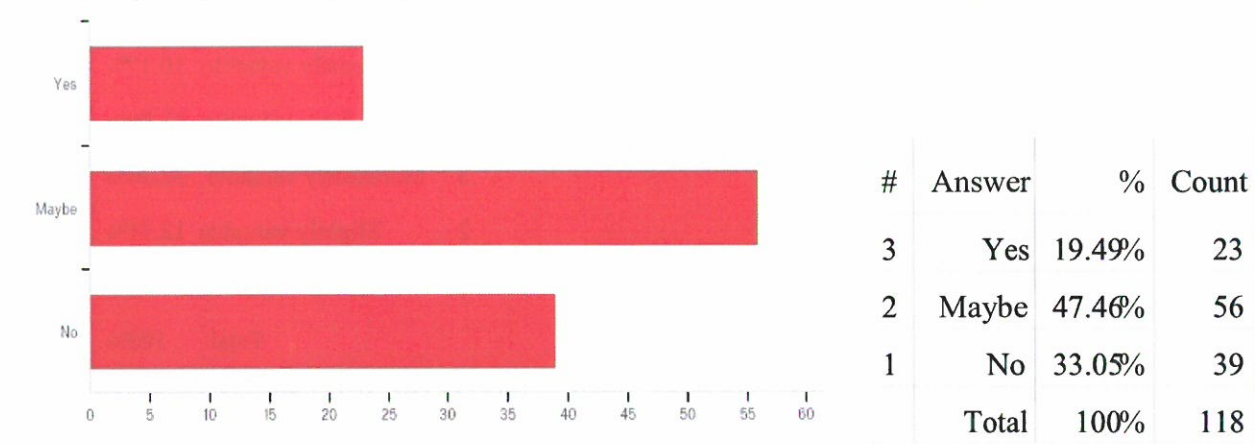
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Q7 - Do you generally support the increase in fees for your major/program?

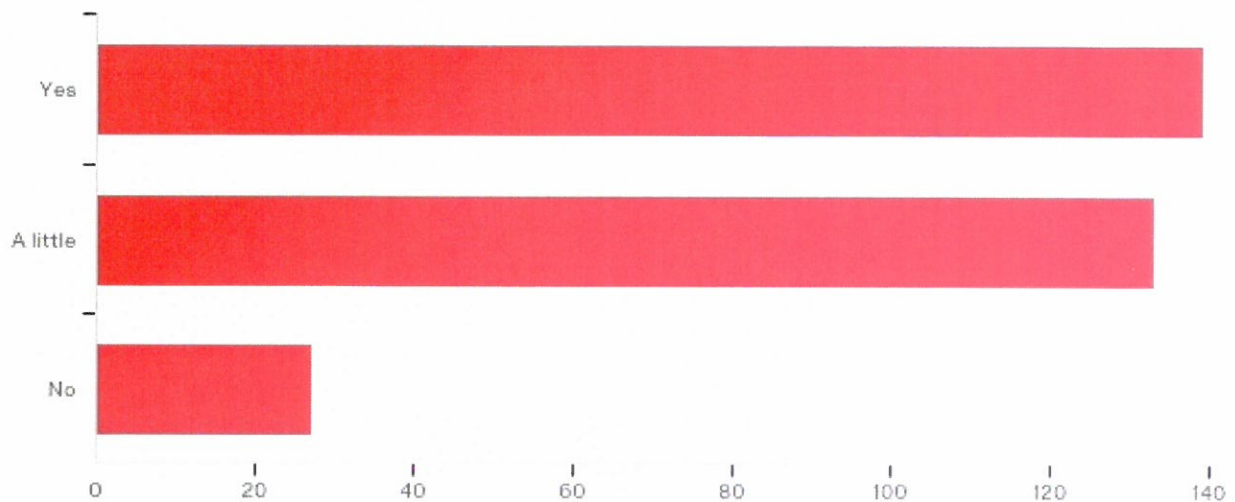


Engineering

UW Undergraduate Program Fees Student

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Q2 - Are you familiar with the proposed program fees for your college?

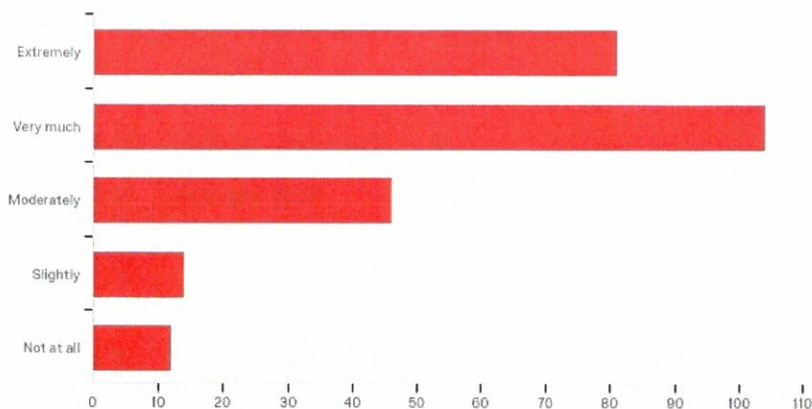


#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	46.49%	139
2	A little	44.48%	133
3	No	9.03%	27
	Total	100%	299

Q16 - As a student in Engineering, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.

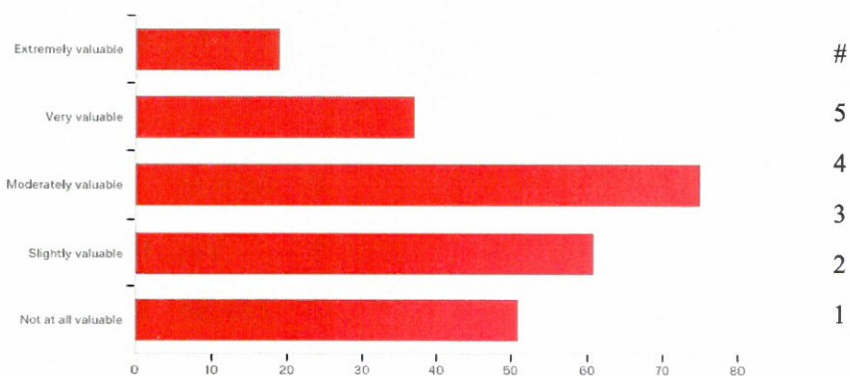


Q32 - To what degree would the \$534 average cost of the program fees per semester (if graduating in 9 semesters) affect you?



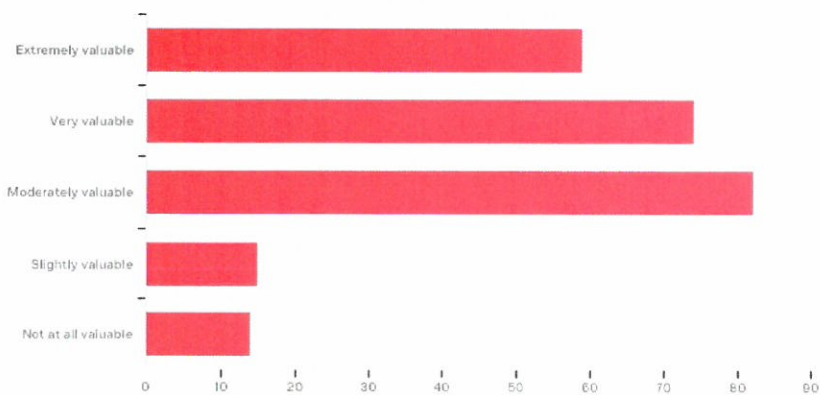
#	Answer	%	Count
5	Extremely	31.52%	81
4	Very much	40.47%	104
3	Moderately	17.90%	46
2	Slightly	5.45%	14
1	Not at all	4.67%	12
Total		100%	257

Q3 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to professional advising (including distance students, transfer students, first-time, first year, first generation) to special all students' needs?



#	Answer	%	Count
5	Extremely valuable	7.82%	19
4	Very valuable	15.23%	37
3	Moderately valuable	30.86%	75
2	Slightly valuable	25.10%	61
1	Not at all valuable	20.99%	51
Total		100%	243

Q13 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to technology (computers, software, etc.)?

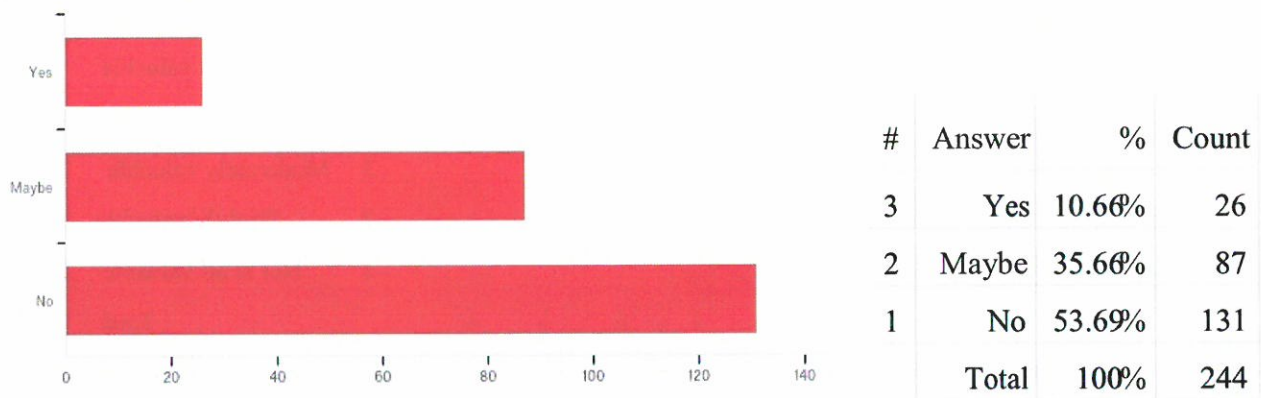


#	Answer	%	Count
5	Extremely valuable	24.18%	59
4	Very valuable	30.33%	74
3	Moderately valuable	33.61%	82
2	Slightly valuable	6.15%	15
1	Not at all valuable	5.74%	14
Total		100%	244

Q4 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to the promise of a seat guarantee in your classes?



Q7 - Do you generally support the increase in fees for your major/program?

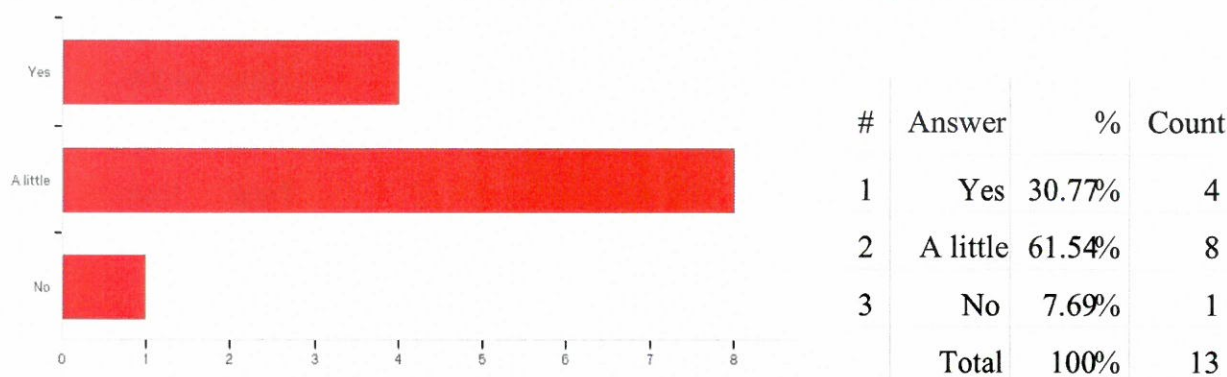


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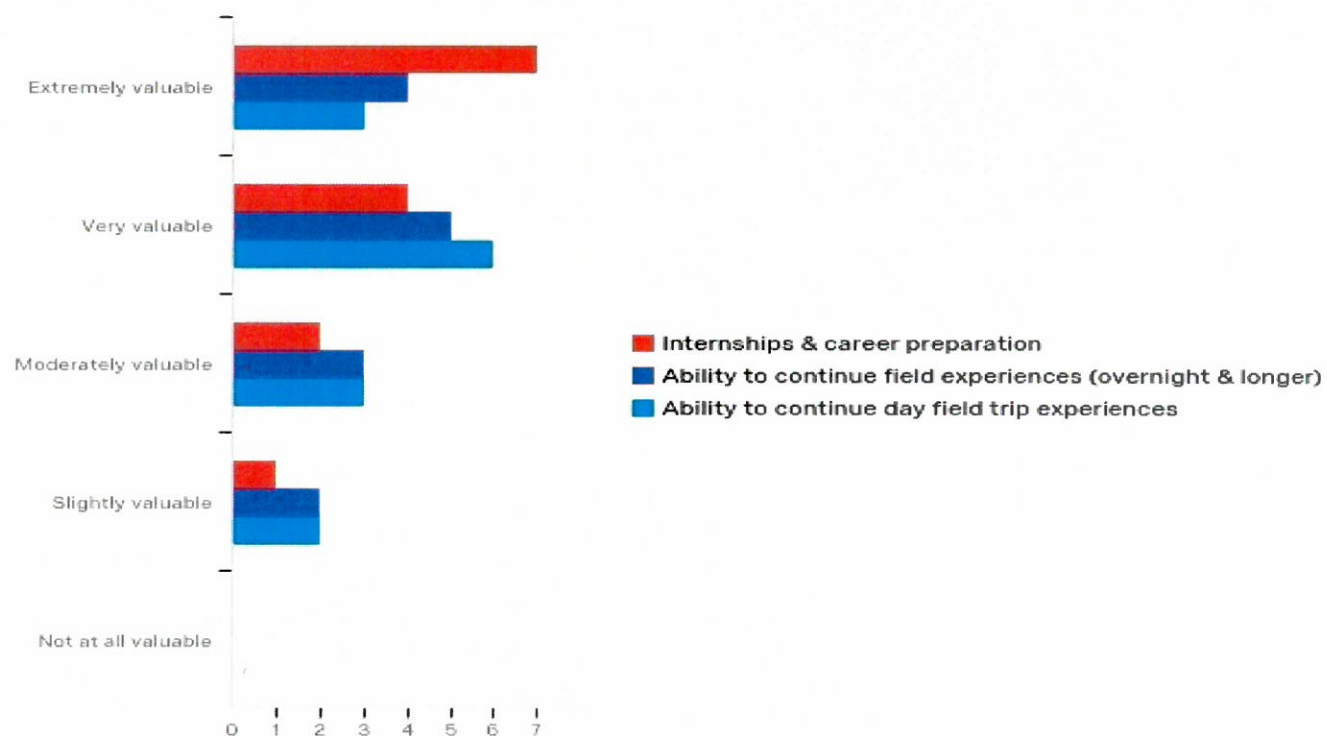
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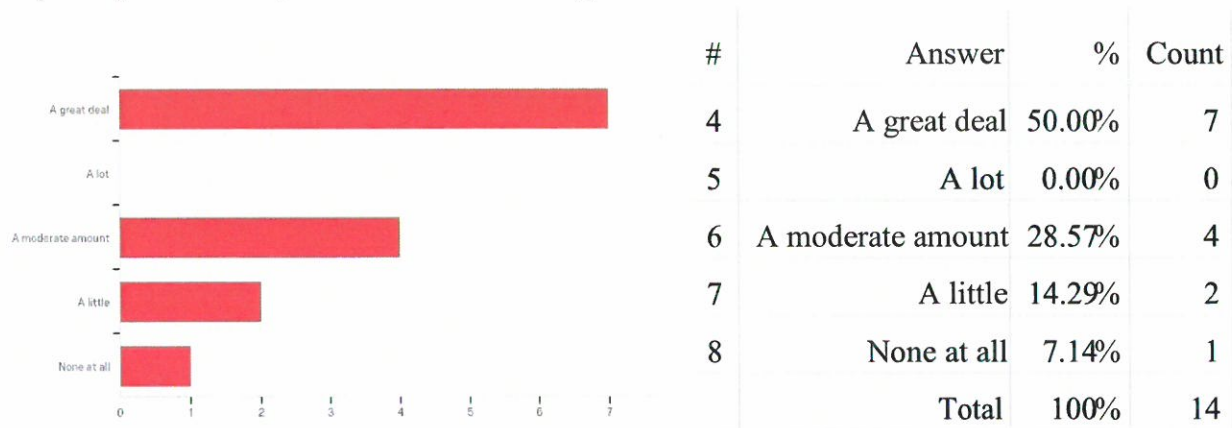
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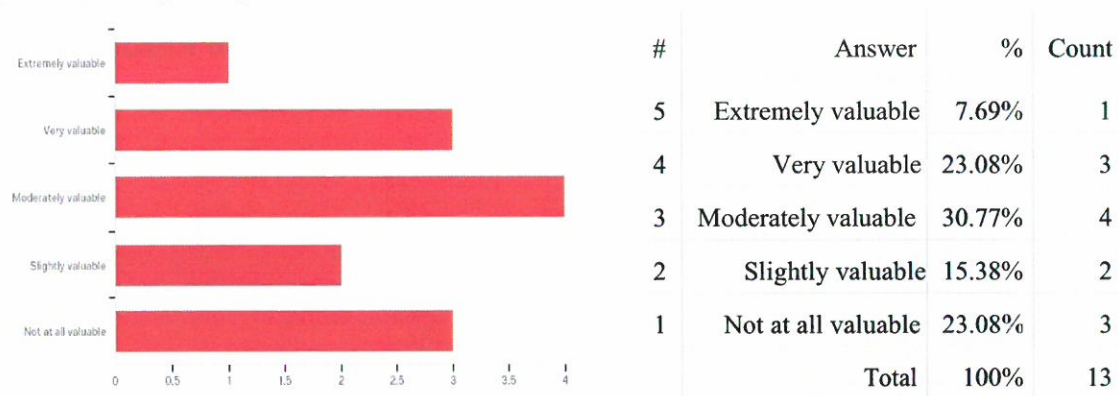
Q24 - As a student in the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.



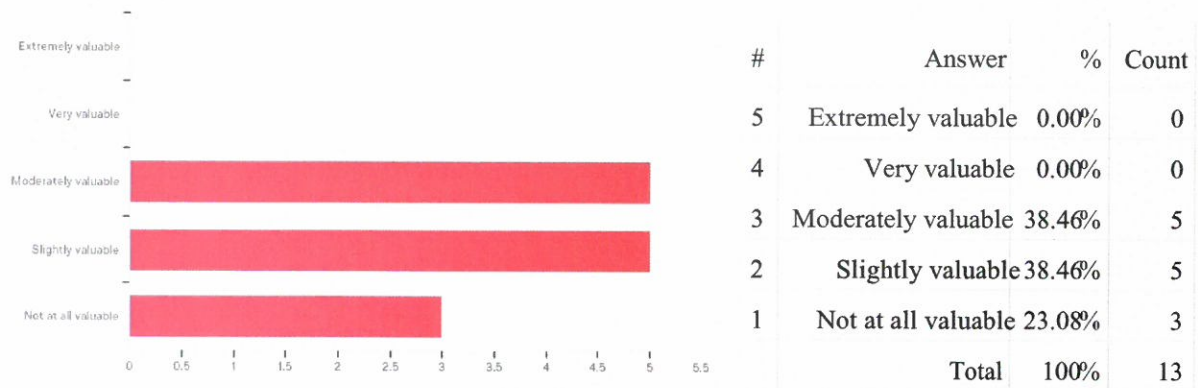
Q37 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$48 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



Q3 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to professional advising (including distance students, transfer students, first-time, first year, first generation) to special all students' needs?



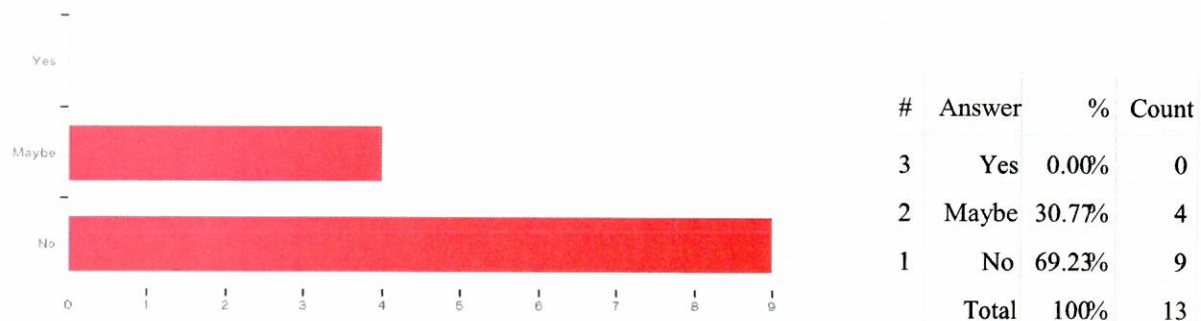
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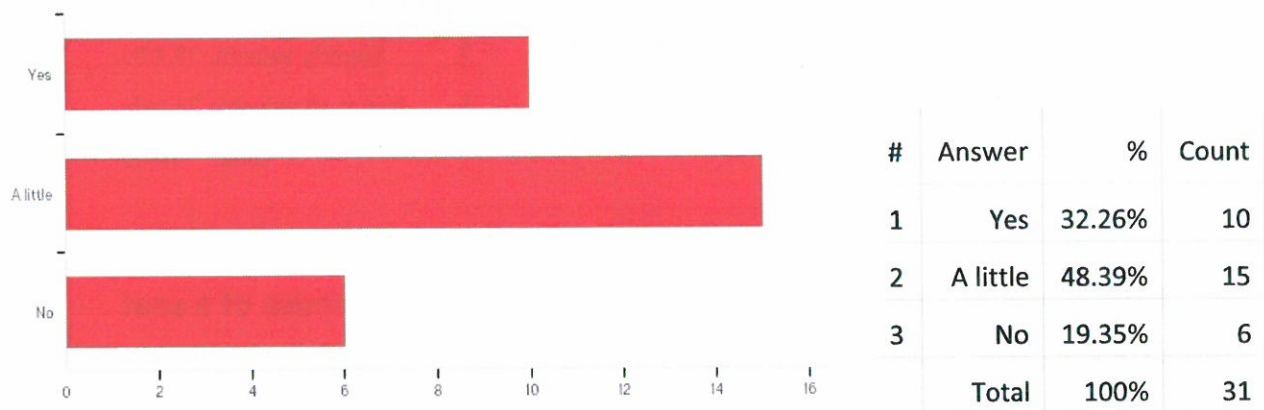


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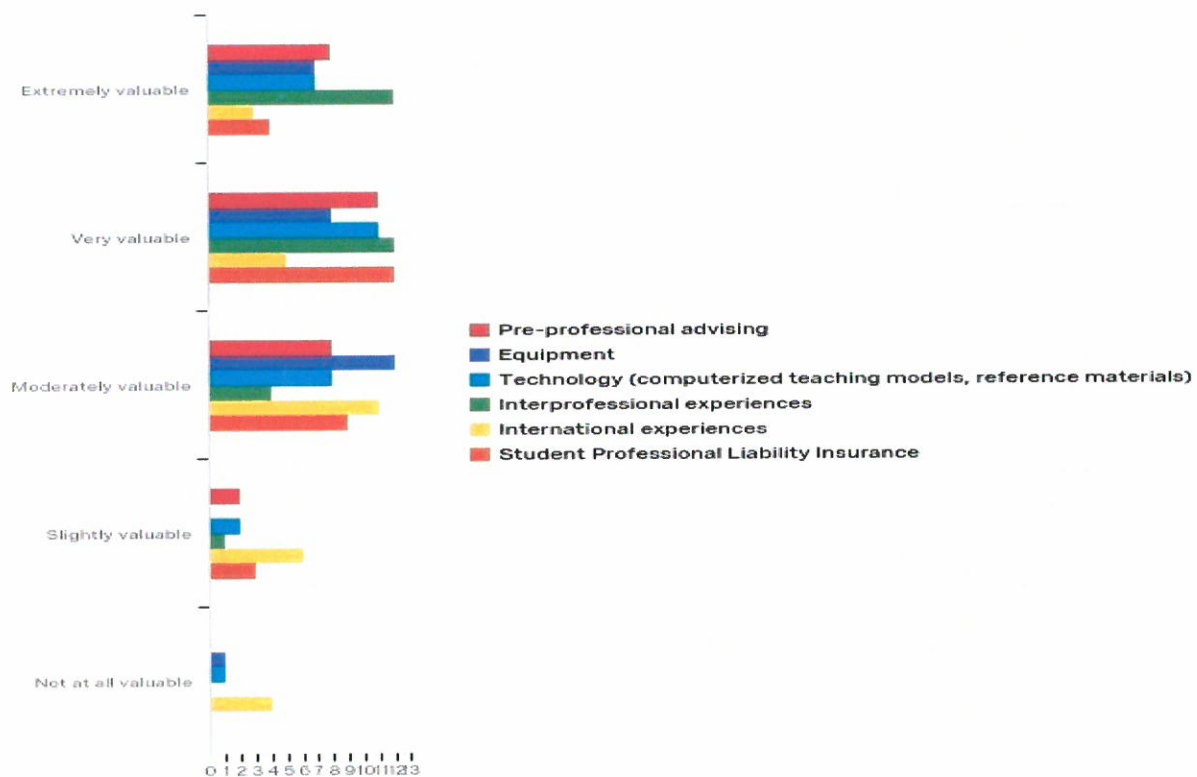
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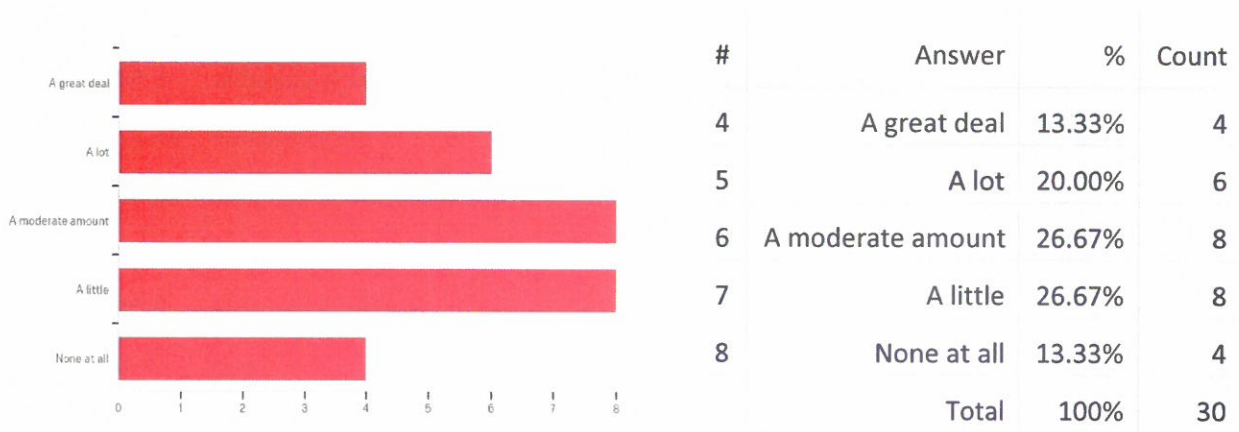
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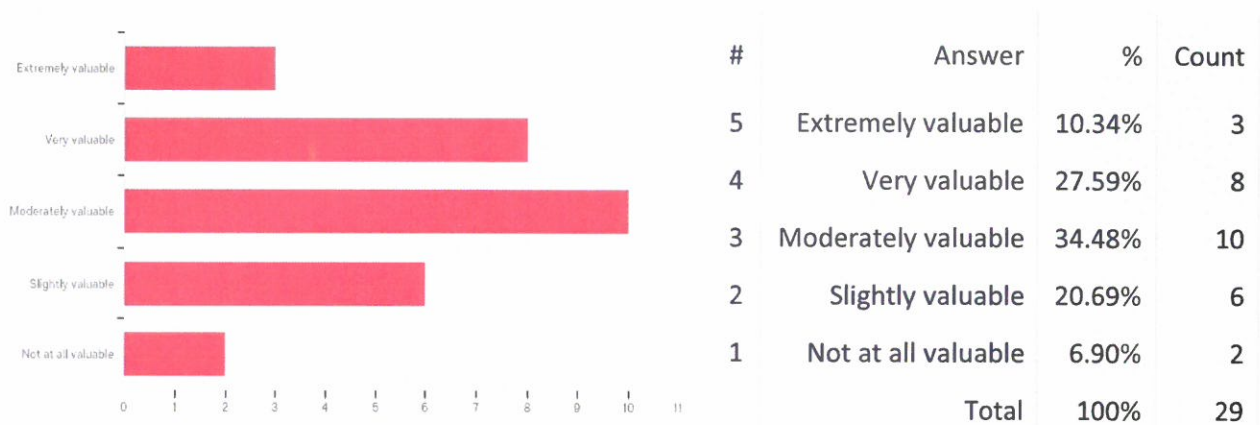
Q30 - As a student in Health Sciences, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.



Q39 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$12 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



Q3 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to professional advising (including distance students, transfer students, first-time, first year, first generation) to special all students' needs?



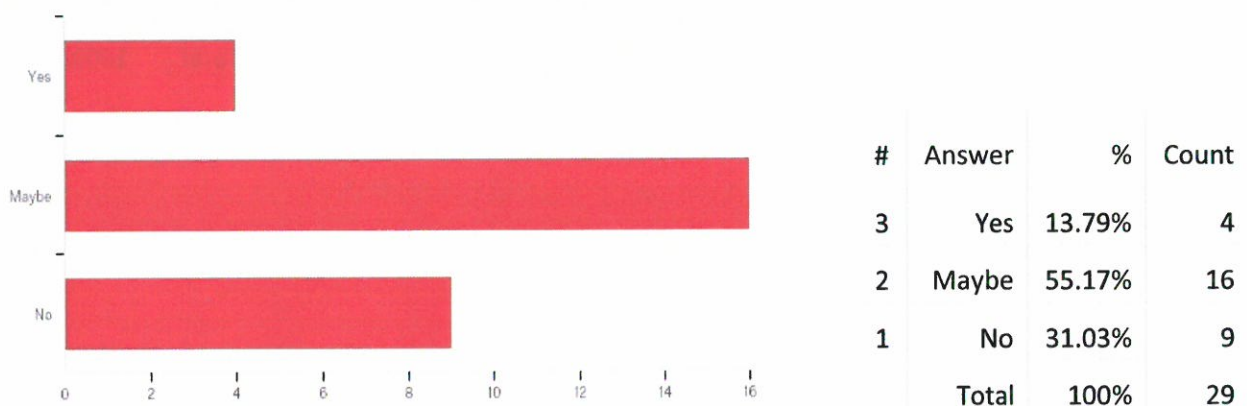
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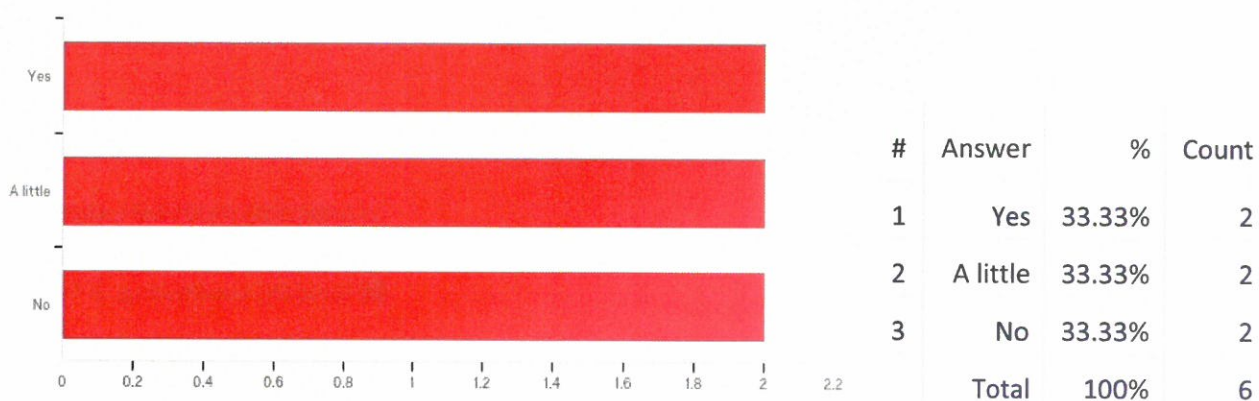


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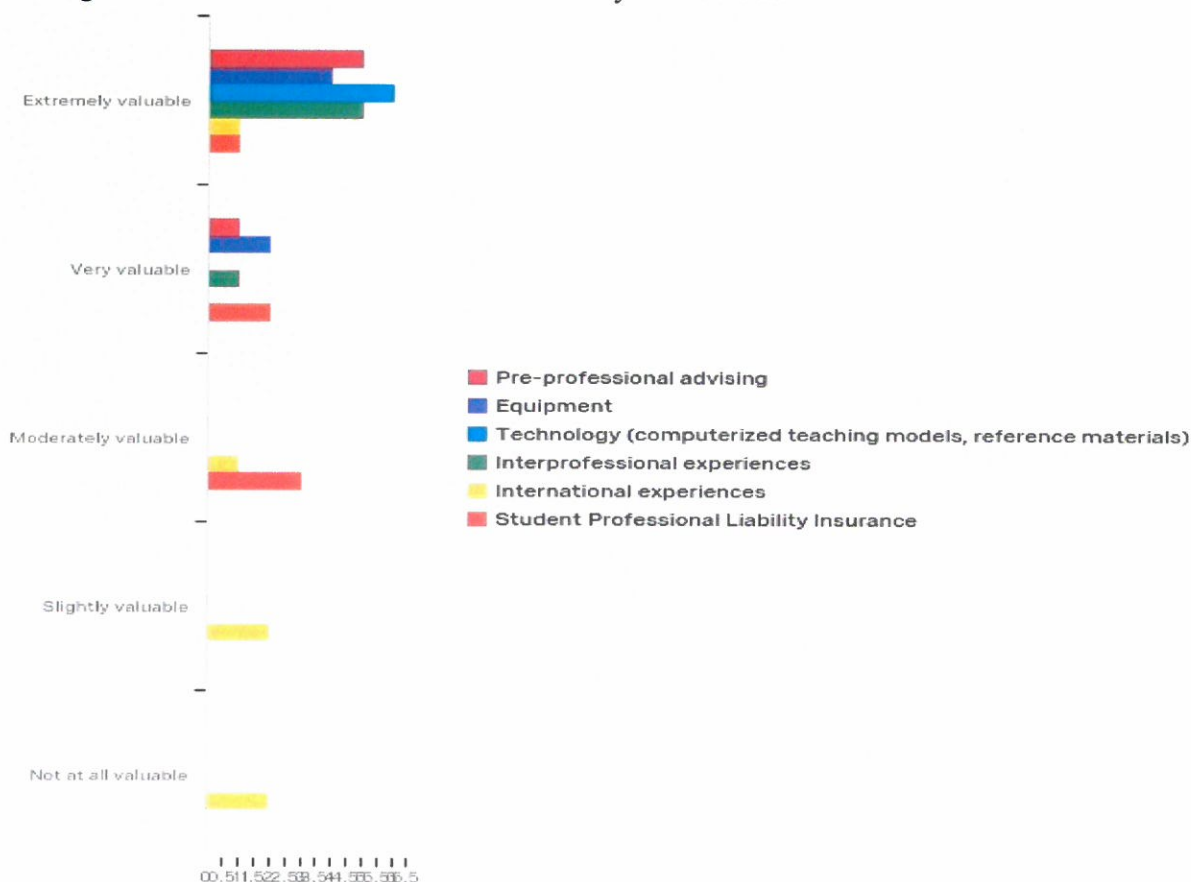
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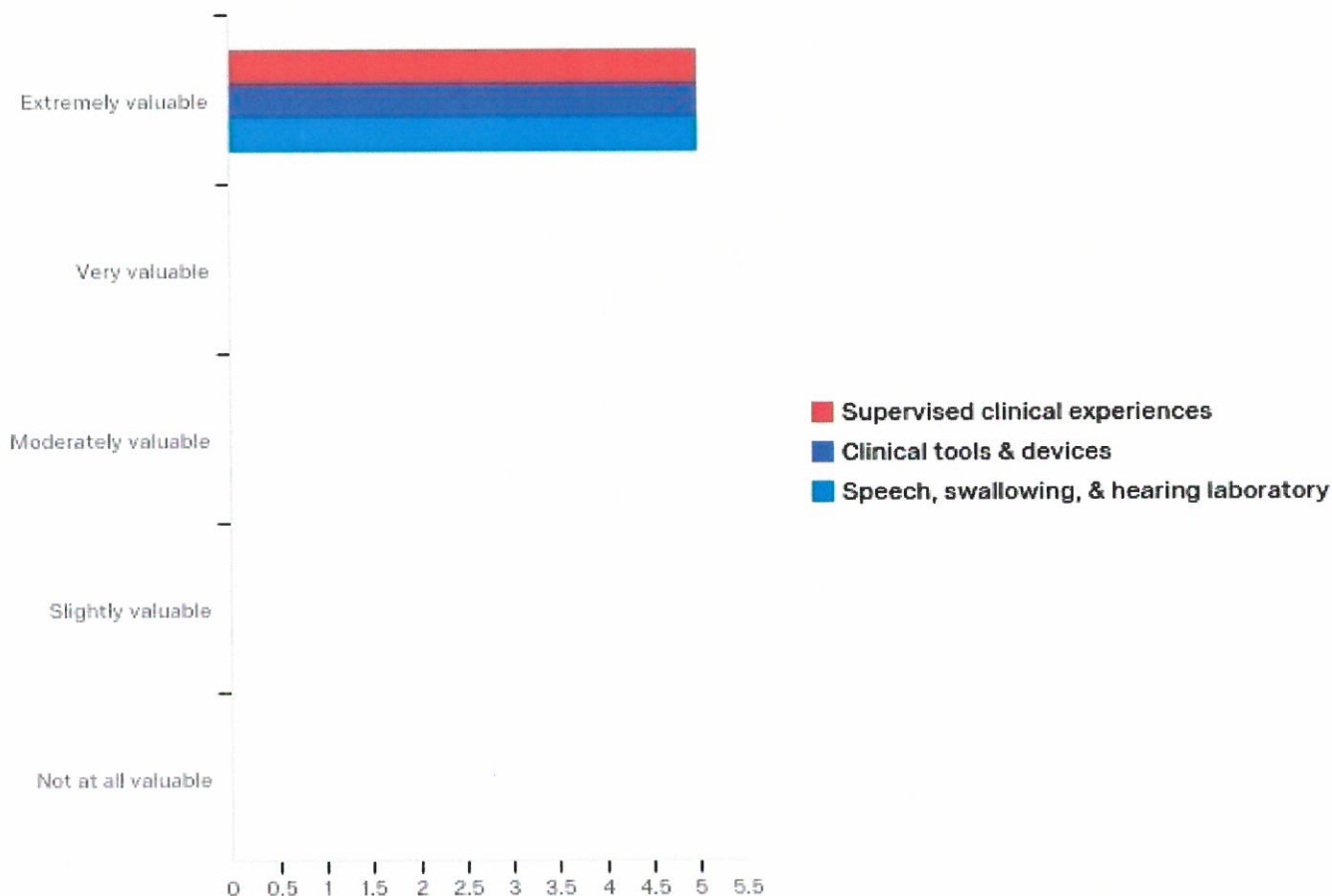
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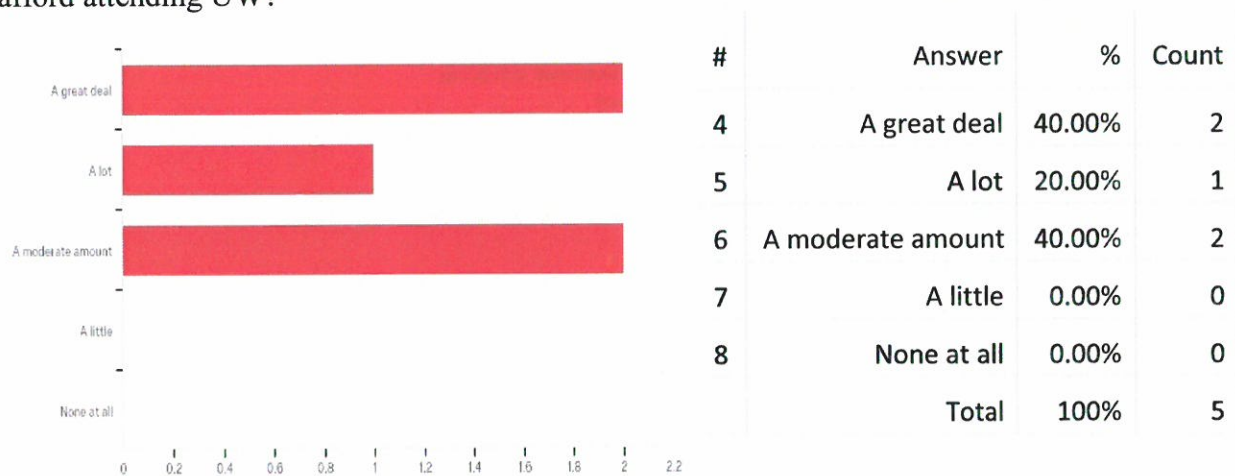
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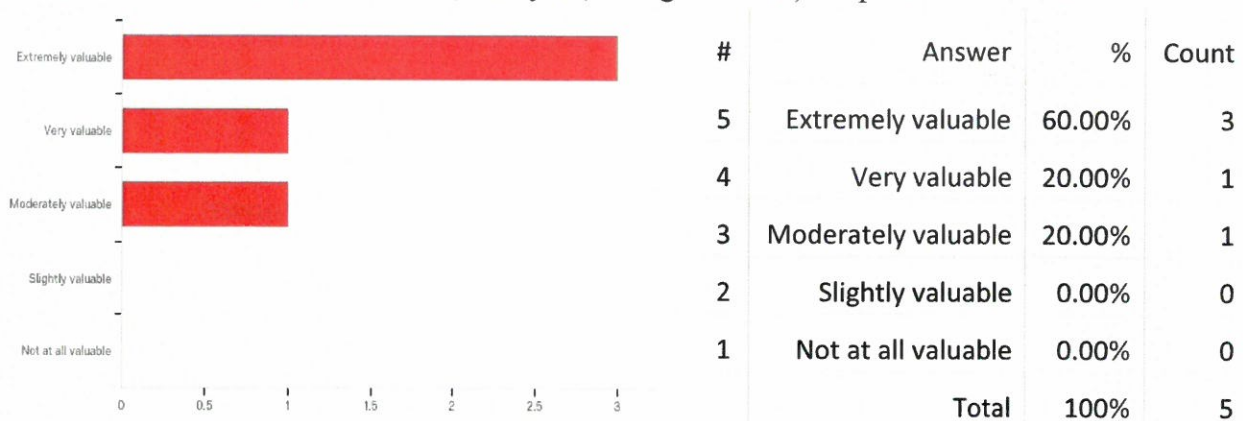
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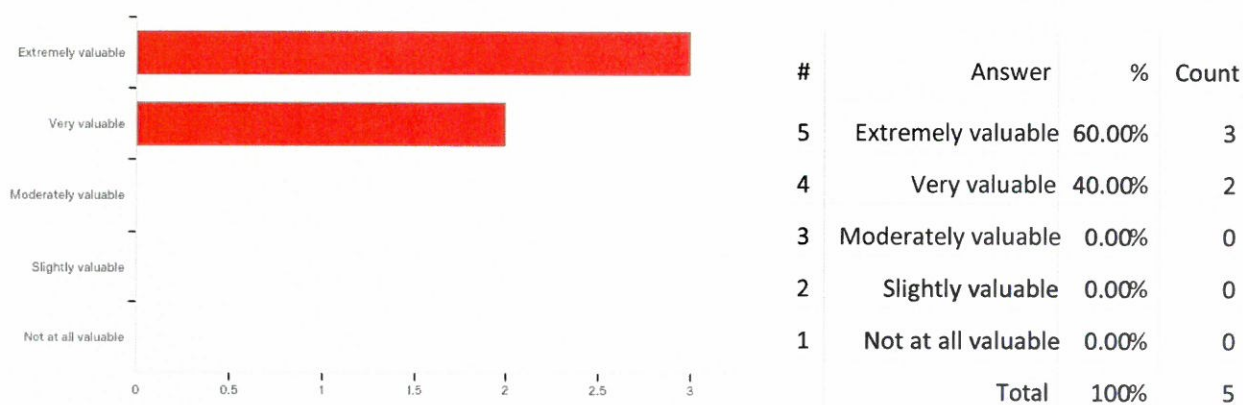
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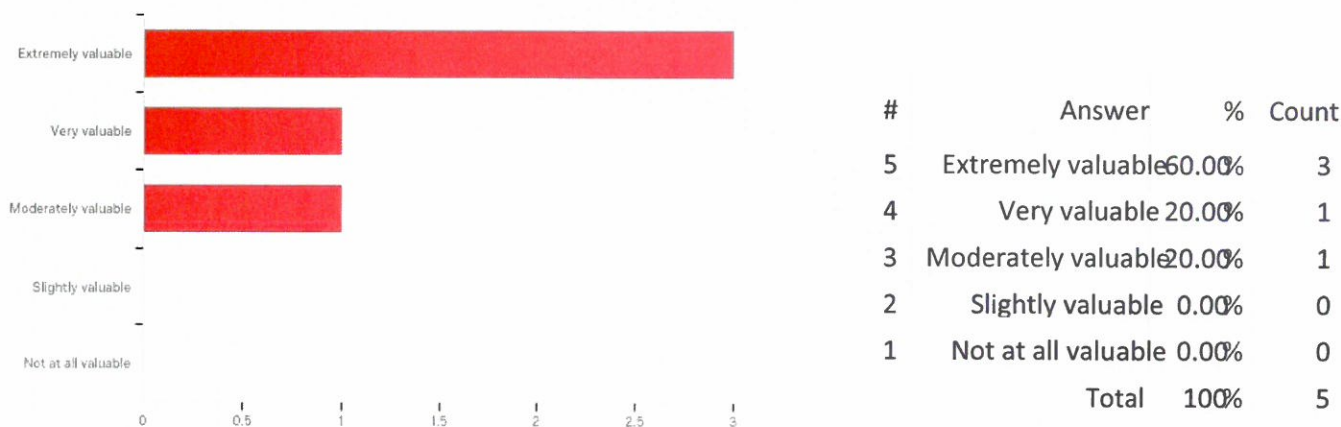
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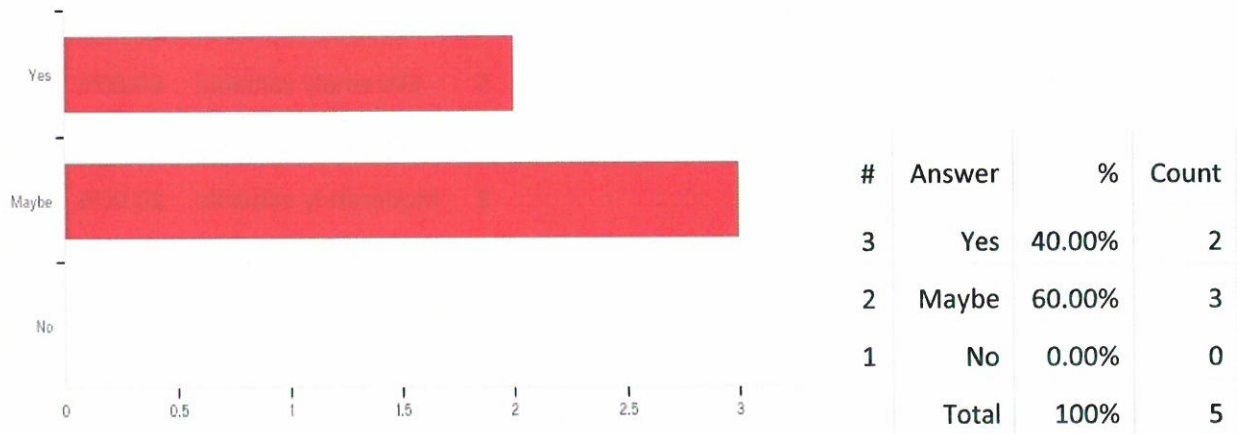
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Q7 - Do you generally support the increase in fees for your major/program?

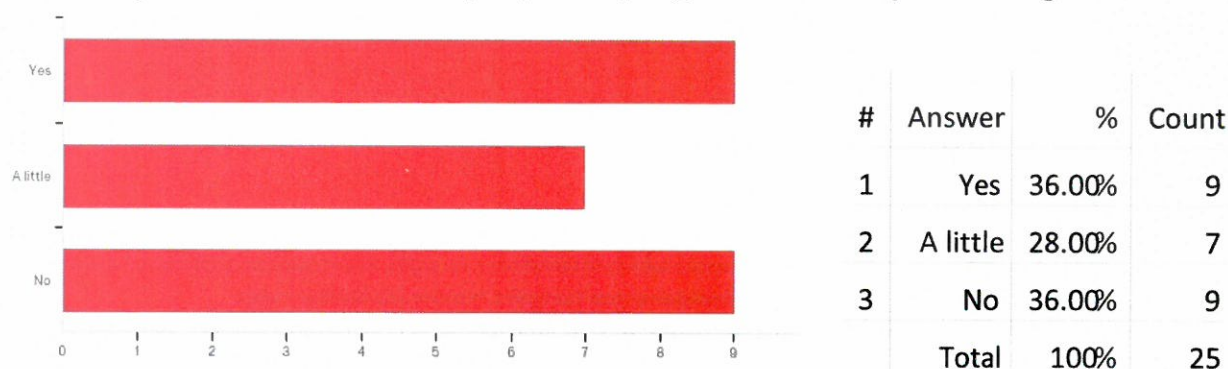


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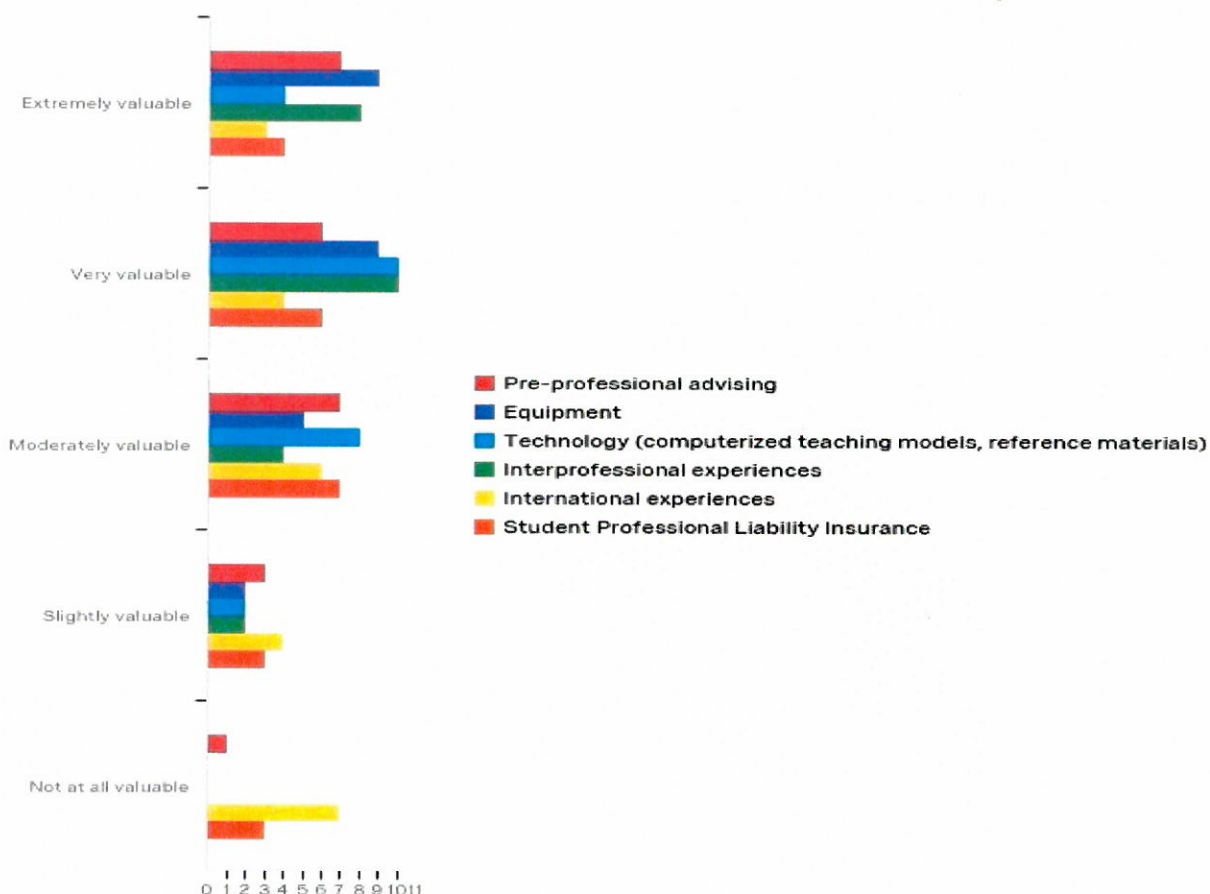
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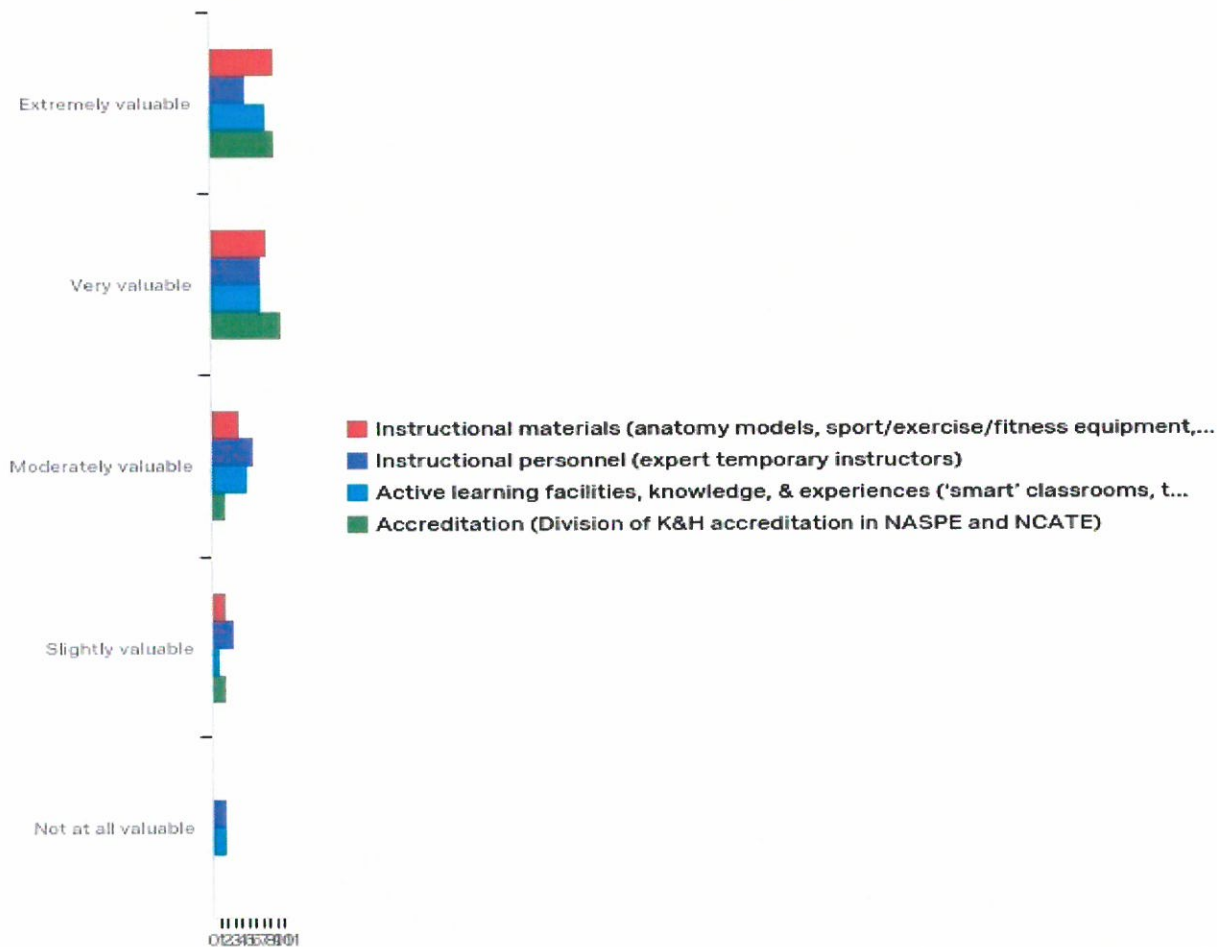
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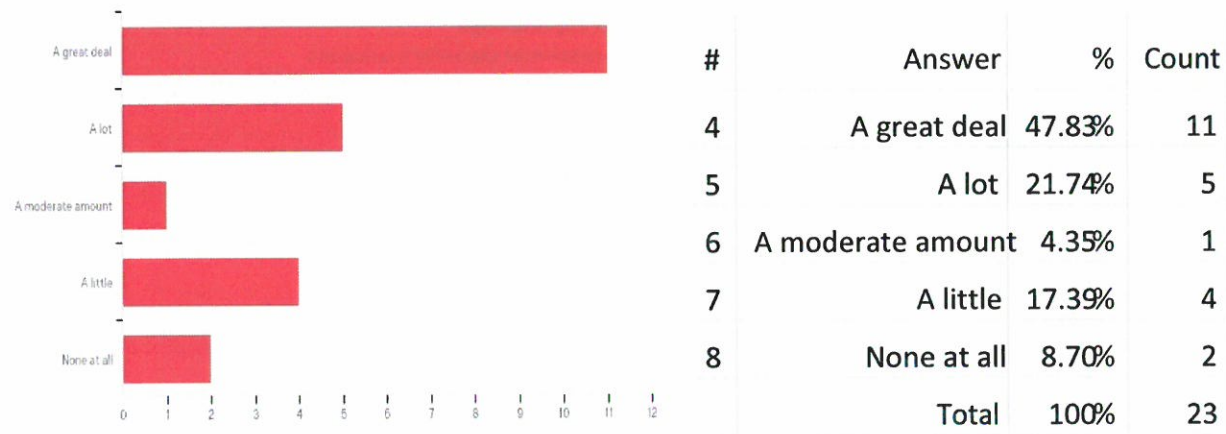
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Q9 - As a student in Health Sciences/Kinesiology & Health, please choose how much value you place on each of the following areas in which fees will be assessed for your courses.



Q40 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$42 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



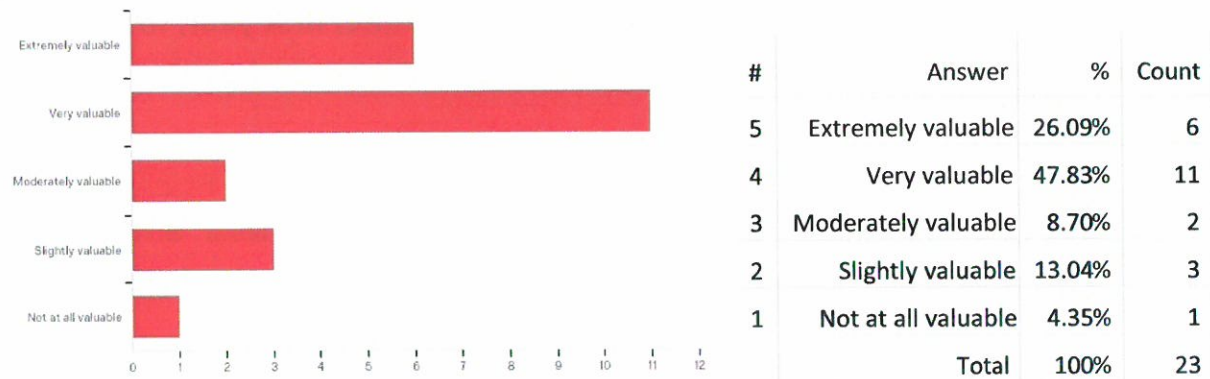
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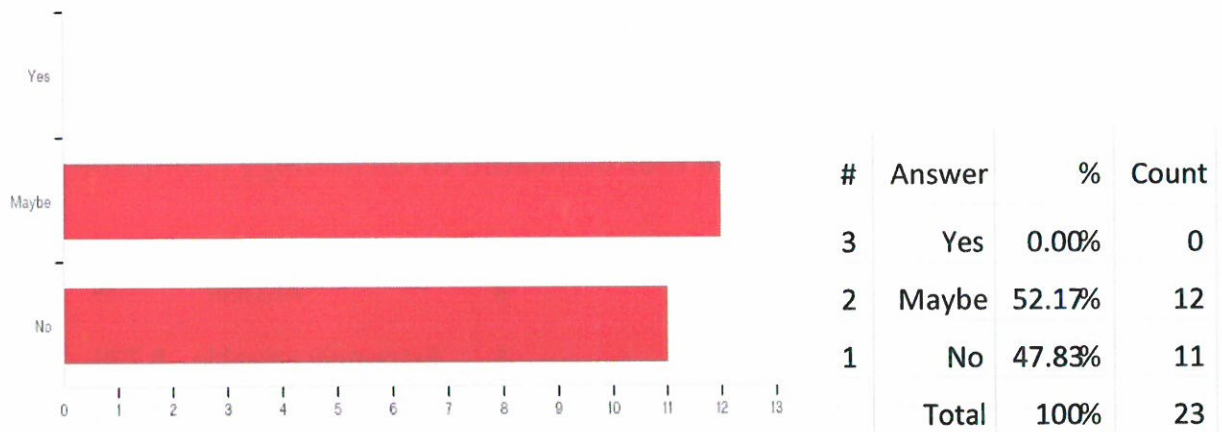
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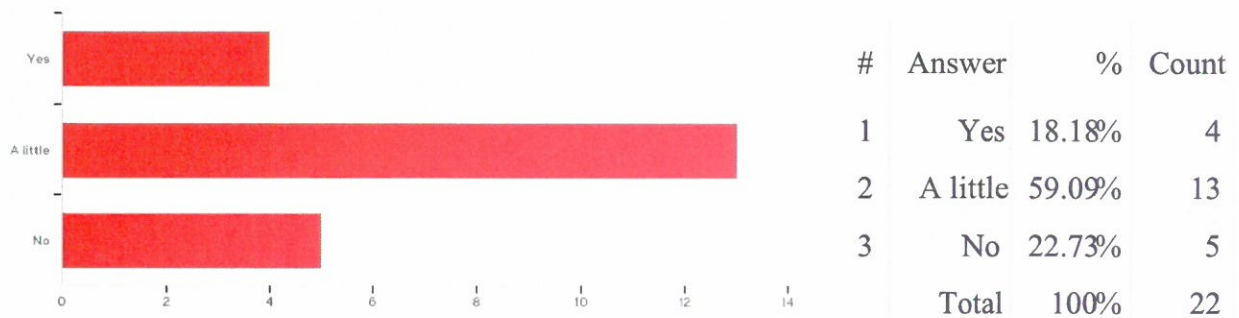


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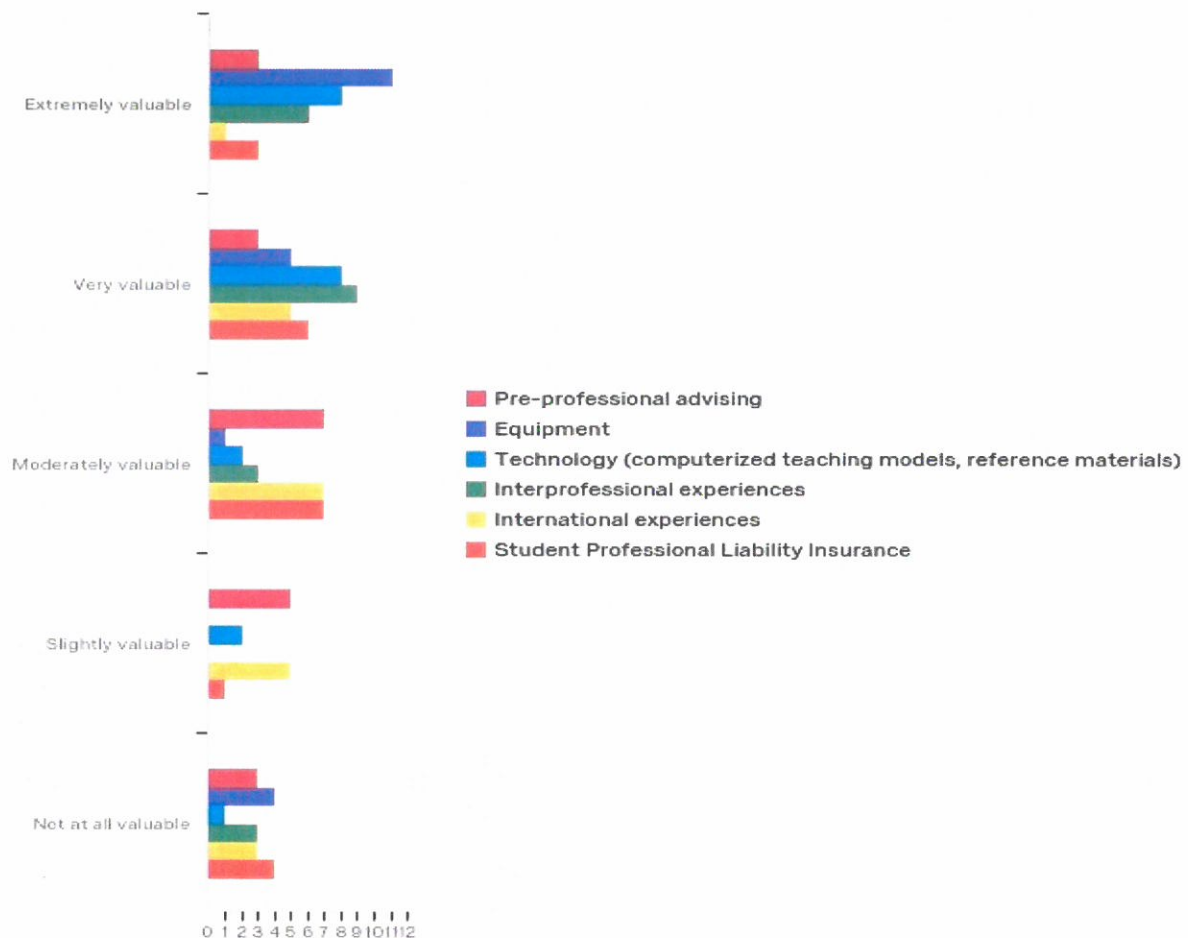
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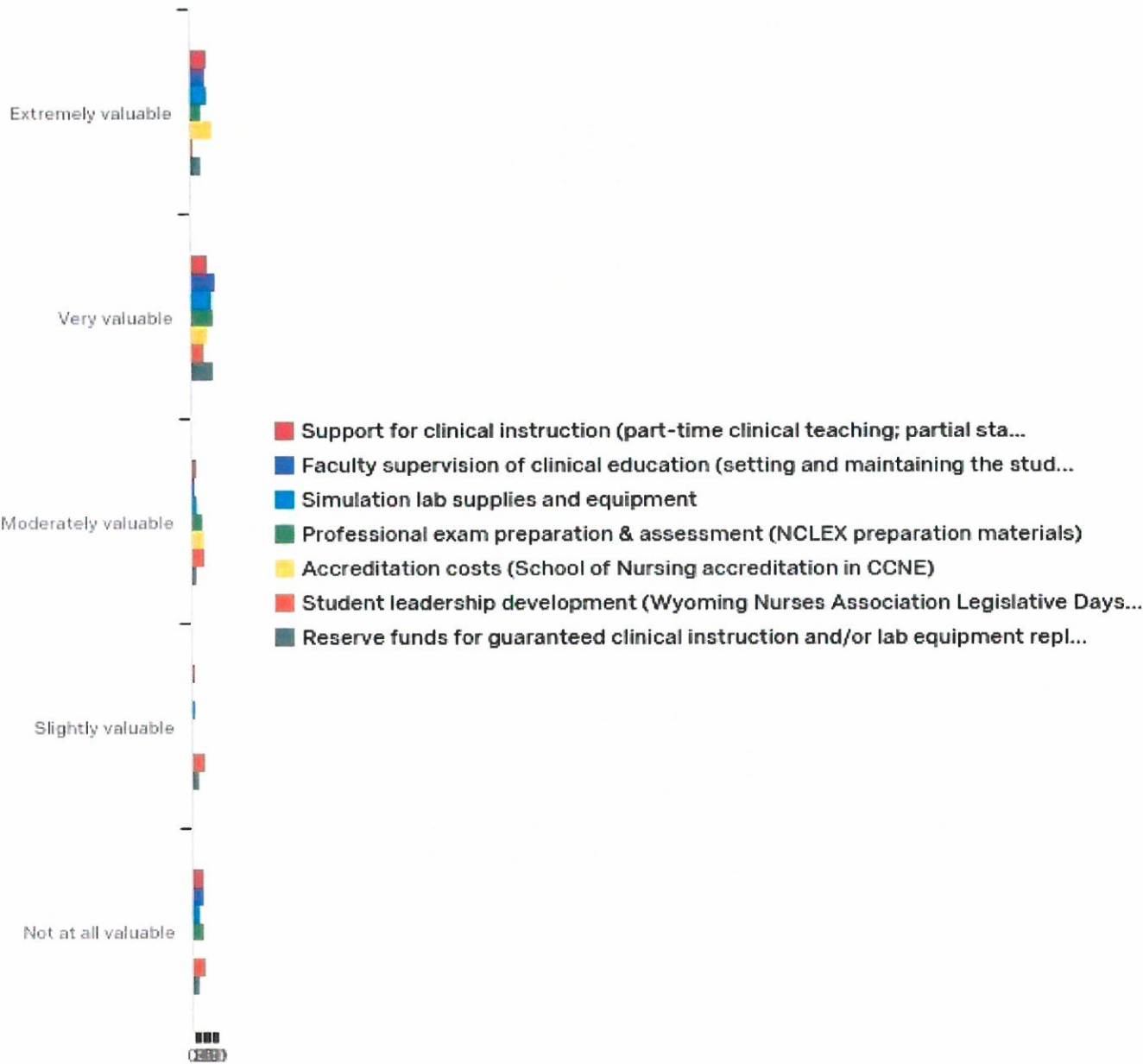
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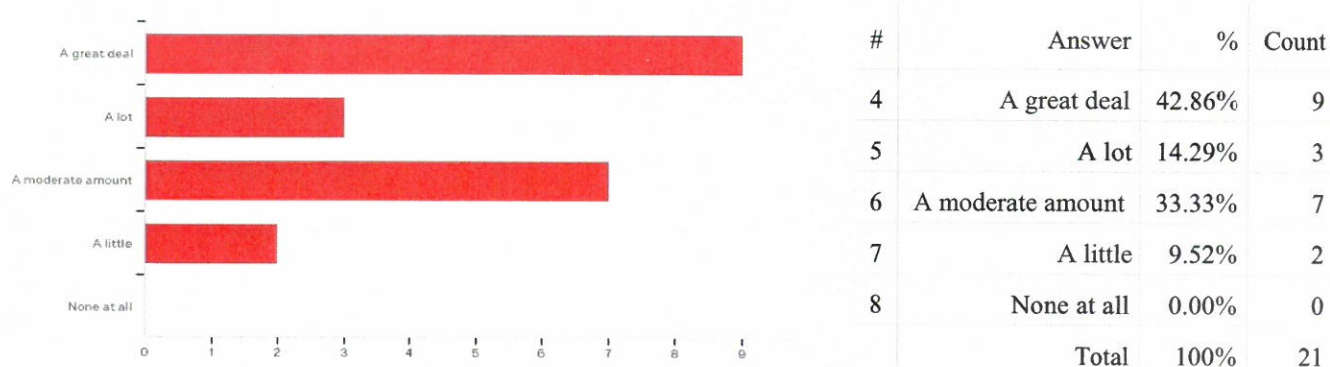
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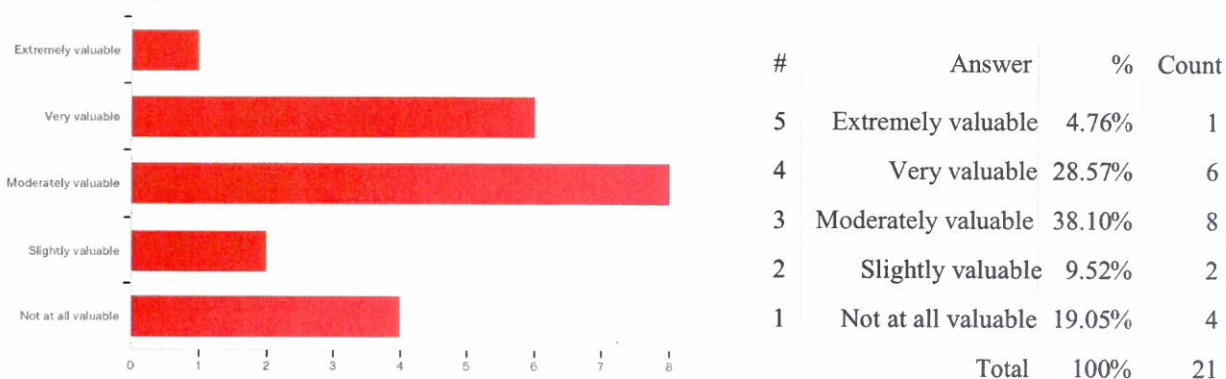
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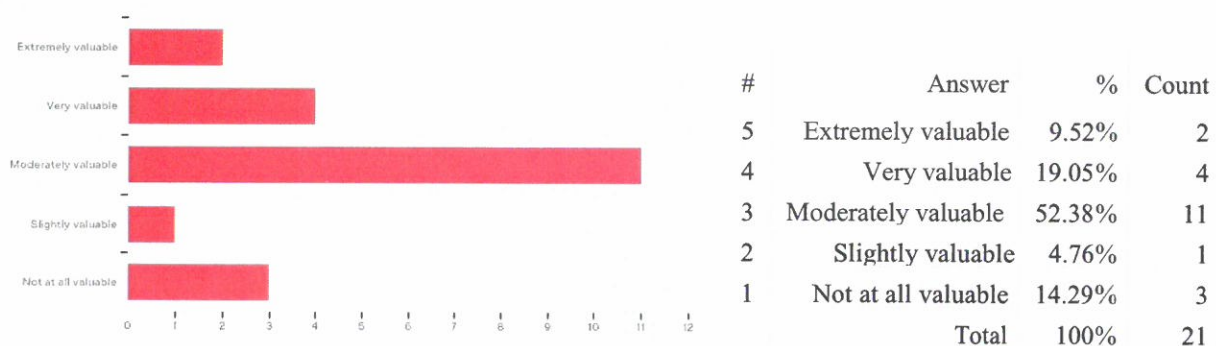
Q42 - How much do you expect this program fee of \$42 per credit hour to impact your ability to afford attending UW?



Q3 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to professional advising (including distance students, transfer students, first-time, first year, first generation) to special all students' needs?



Q13 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to technology (computers, software, etc.)?



Q4 - How much do you value the fees dedicated to the promise of a seat guarantee in your classes?



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