

Examining diversity within university life

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Introduction

Diversity within university life is a growing topic that is currently gaining attention. Researching undergraduate Longwood students' showed current perspectives. A focus group was conducted then used to create a survey, which was distributed electronically from April, 6 through April, 19 2017. A total of 79 responses were received.

Methods / Steps

Step 1: finalize topic

Step 2: conduct focus group

Step 3: create 10 question survey

Step 4: distribute survey

Step 5: collect results

Step 6: analyze results

survey responses by year classification

Year	Count	Percent
Freshman	15	19.0%
Sophomore	19	24.1%
Junior	29	36.7%
Senior	16	20.3%

Results

(Likert scale, combining strongly and somewhat agree)

Question 1: Longwood University is diverse in terms of the student body, faculty and staff. 67.1%

Question 2: Longwood University does a good job at supporting diversity through hosting events and educational programs to encourage diversity. **79.5%**

Question 3: Diversity at Longwood University is shown through different clubs and organizations. 83.5%

Question 4: There are stimulating conversations about diversity in class at Longwood University. **40.3%**

Question 5: Longwood University's location in Farmville, Virginia impacts how diverse the university is. **62%**

Question 6: Friend groups tend to lack diversity by including the same type of people (gender, age, ethnicity, race). **58.9%**

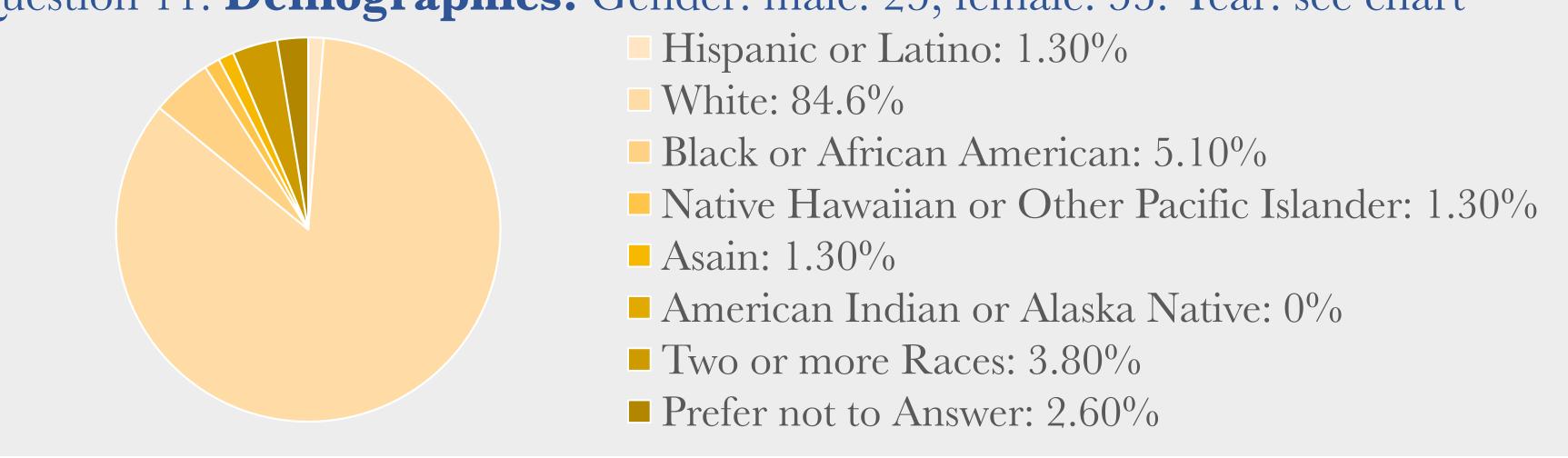
Question 7: Longwood University has an environment where individuals feel safe to express themselves. **69.2%**

Question 8: Longwood University needs to take more action to encourage diversity. 50%

Question 9: Compared to other Universities across the country, Longwood is progressive with supporting diversity. **48.1%**

Question 10: Diversity helps individuals grow by challenging preconceived ideas about others. **80.8%**

Question 11: **Demographics:** Gender: male: 25, female: 53. Year: see chart



Conclusions

- Overall, more than 50% of the responses agree that Longwood is the host to a diverse atmosphere
- Clubs and organizations are felt to be the number one way that Longwood shows diversity
- The majority of
 participants did not agree
 that stimulating
 conversations were
 happening in the
 classrooms
- 80% of participants believe that diversity helps individuals grow
- 84.6% of the participants were white where in 2011 87.1% of the student population was white (Diversity Survey Results Spring 2011)

scale used to measure responses

Likert Scale

- 5 Strongly Agree
- 4 Somewhat Agree
- 3 Neutral
- 2 Somewhat Disagree
- l Strongly Disagree