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Fraternity & Sorority Life Interest Survey Report

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University of South Florida St. Petersburg Fraternity & Sorority Life Interest Survey

In response to numerous inquiries about the interest of Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Student Government (SG) and the Department of Student Life & Engagement (SLE) conducted a survey. We received 505 responses with a 50.60% interest rate in FSL, a combination of “somewhat” and “very” interested. In order to further explore the feasibility of FSL, there will be a committee formed as well as the hiring of a consultant.

The FSL Interest Survey was commissioned by the university to address the following objective:
Assess student interest levels and attitudes towards Fraternity & Sorority Life

The study revealed support for FSL by majority of USFSP respondents. Only 27.38% of respondents had a negative perception of FSL and 60.59% of respondents believed that FSL would increase the feeling of community on campus.

Student Feedback

From October 9 to October 20, 2017, USFSP students had the opportunity to participate in a Fraternity & Sorority Life Interest Survey. With a collaborative effort from Student Government & Student Life & Engagement, 505 responses were collected to regarding student attitudes towards FSL.

Overall, the results were as follows:

Demographics:

Classification

First Year: 39.01%

Sophomore: 18.42%

Junior: 20%

Senior: 22.57%

Gender

Male: 29.56%

Female: 70.44%

Age

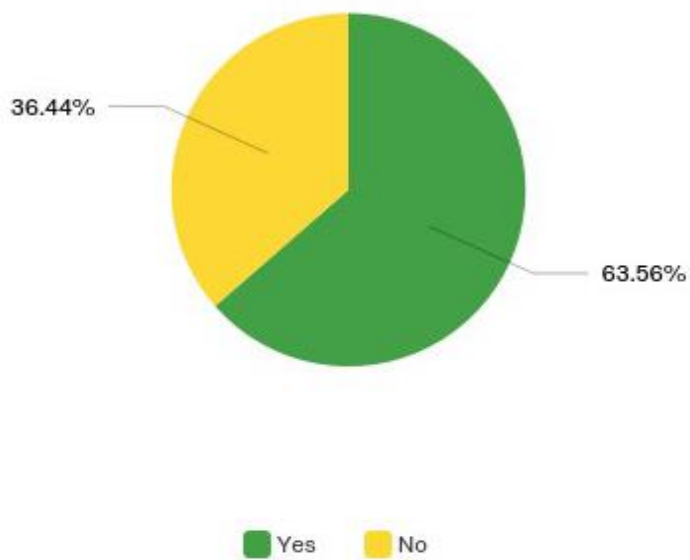
18-20: 68.12%
21-23: 20%
24-26: 5.54%
27-30: 2.57%
30+: 3.76%

Race/Ethnicity

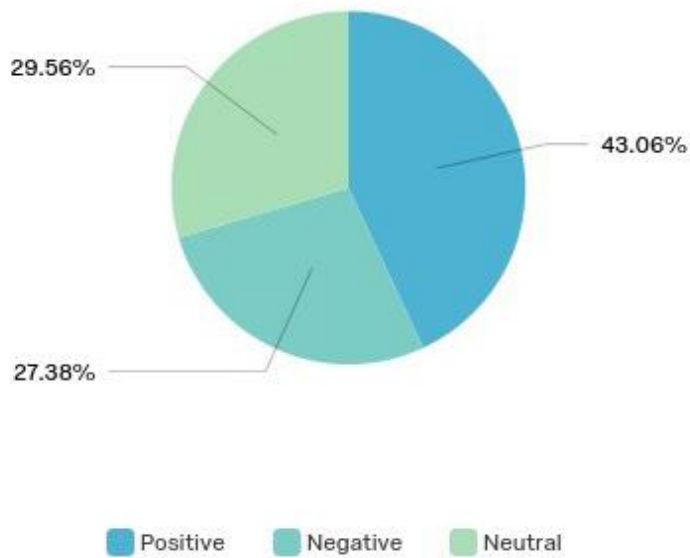
White: 63.02%
Hispanic: 18.69%
African American: 12.72%
Asian: 4.17%
American Indian: 1.19 %
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 0.20%

Interest:

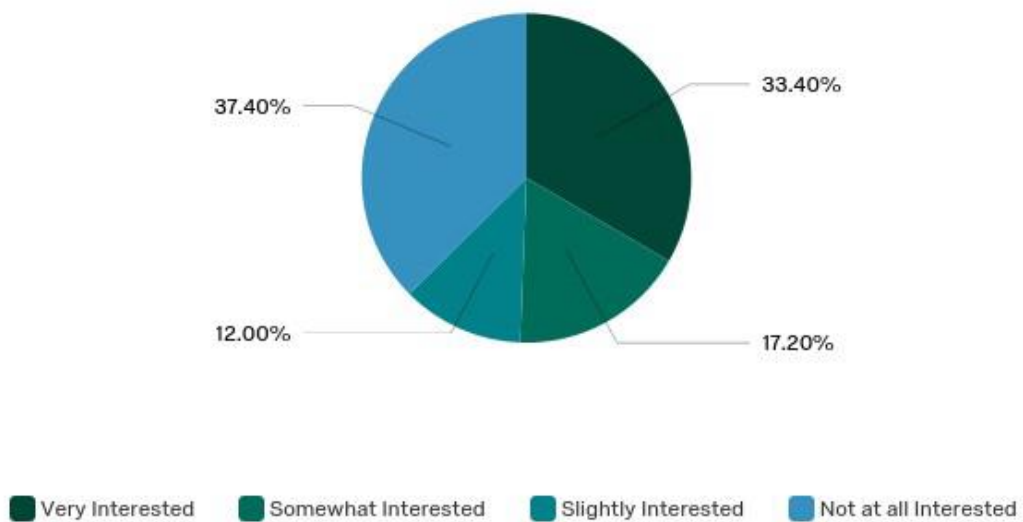
Do you think Fraternity & Sorority Life should come to USFSP?

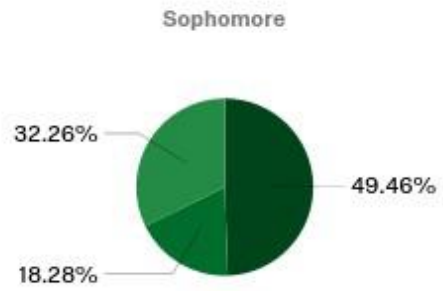
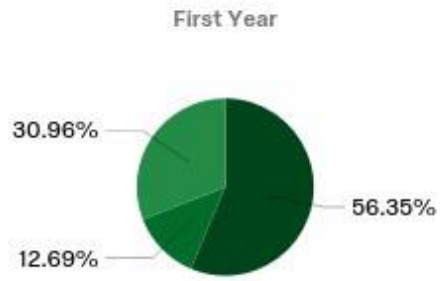


What is your overall perception of Fraternity & Sorority Life?

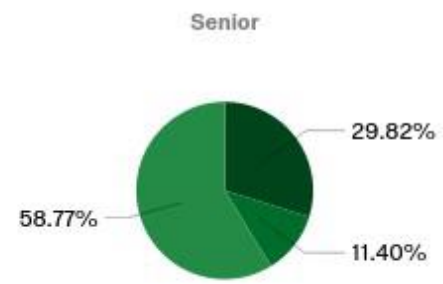
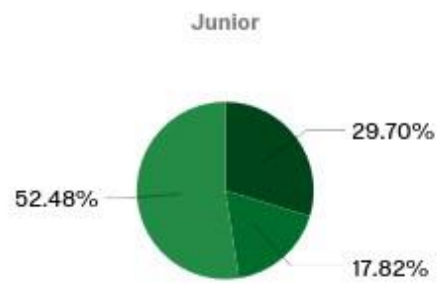


Please rate your overall interest in Fraternity & Sorority Life:

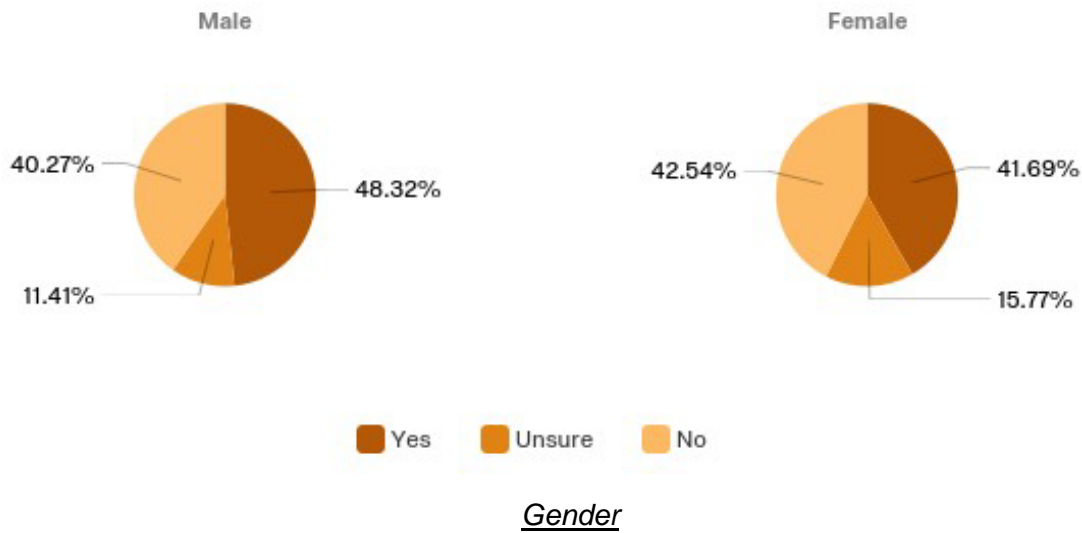




Would you seek membership into a sorority or a fraternity if they were brought to campus?



Yes
 Unsure
 No



Financial Commitment

*If you were to join a Fraternity or Sorority what range of financial commitment would you be willing to make annually?
(Out of the 386 students that answered)*

Intervals (amount of money)	Number of students
\$0	94 (24%)
\$1-\$100	55 (14%)
\$101-500	92 (24%)
\$501-\$700	14 (4%)
\$701-\$1000	38 (10%)
\$1001-\$1500	23 (6%)
\$1501-Up	36 (9%)
Unsure	34 (9%)

Themes of additional Comments

In Favor

Would add vibrancy to the campus culture
Sense of commitment to the university
Increased retention and enrollment
Morale booster
Would connect commuter students
Great networking opportunity
USFSP more competitive in terms of tampa

Opposed

Goes against the Intimate feel at USFSP
 Would divide the community (privilege & Accessibility)
Students should go to Tampa if they are interested in FSL
 Loss of identity
Students come to USFSP because there is no FSL community
Hazing Culture
Exclusivity
Detrimental to other student organizations
Promotion of a drugs/Bullying/alcohol/rape culture
Unnecessary costs and distraction to student body
Lack of FSL specific Housing
"Toxic"