

Academic Senate October 29, 2012



925 completed surveys out of 1,874 (50%)

#### Student Characteristics



- While almost two-thirds of respondents are between ages 18-24 (64%); less than half of the student population fits the same age range (40%).
- International students comprised a higher rate among the survey respondents compared to the student population (19% vs. 5%).
- White students comprised a lower rate among the survey respondents compared to the student population (29% vs. 42%).



- At least half of the survey respondents indicated that their primary reason for attending Foothill is to transfer (56%).
- Over half of the respondents plan on taking classes again within the coming year (63%). About a quarter of students were uncertain or had no immediate plans to take classes again at Foothill.
- Over half of the respondents have earned a high school diploma as their highest degree (60%) while roughly a quarter earned a bachelor's degree or higher (26%).

# Institutional Learning Outcomes

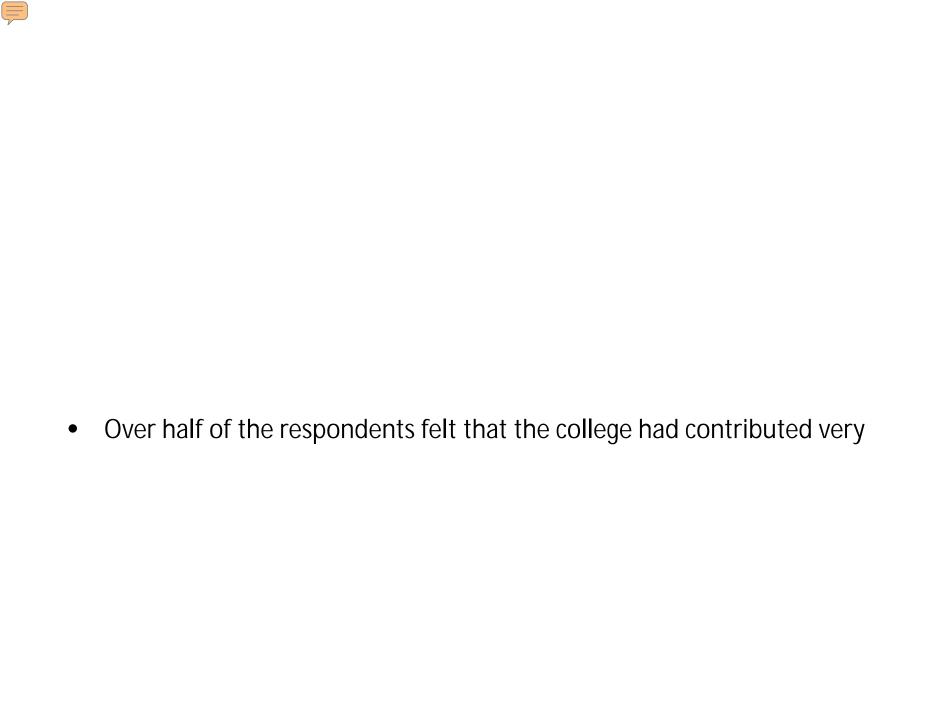


#### Communication

- At least half of survey respondents felt that the college had contributed very much or quite a bit to their ability to communicate their opinions clearly (52%) and to write clearly and effectively (54%).
- A higher percentage rate of students at other ex-large institutions (over 15,000) report their college contributed very much or quite a bit to their ability to write (63% vs. 54%) and speak (59% vs. 47%) clearly and effectively.

#### Communication

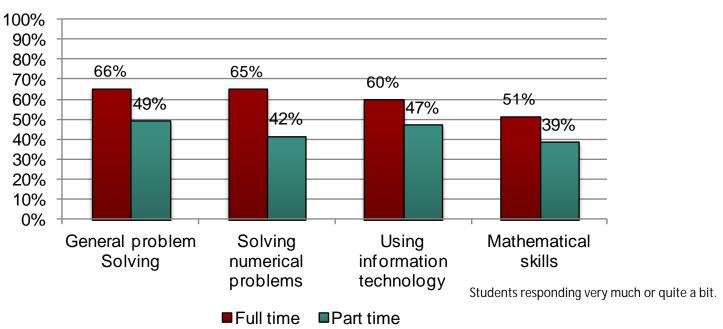




## Computation

How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?





• The greatest gap between full-time and part-time students in relation to the computation ILO is in solving numerical problems (23%) and mathematical skills (22%).





# **Critical Thinking**

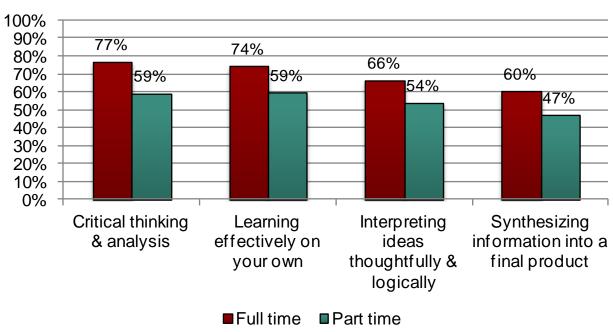
How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?

Critical thinking ILO		Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very Little	Total
Looming officially on your own	N	253	305	236	85	879
Learning effectively on your own	%	29%	35%	27%	10%	100%
Thinking oritically and analytically	N	246	319	245	71	881
Thinking critically and analytically	%	28%	36%	28%	8%	100%
Interpret ideas or issues thoughtfully and	N	168	283	219	117	787
logically	%	21%	36%	28%	15%	100%
Synthesize information from various formats into	N	143	254	252	133	782
a final product	%	18%	33%	32%	17%	100%

- Over half of the survey respondents felt that the college contributed very much or quite a bit to their ability to learn on their own (64%), think critically (64%), interpret ideas or issues (57%), and synthesize information from various formats (51%).
- A higher percentage rate of students at other ex-large institutions report their college contributed very much or quite a bit to learning effectively on their own (69% vs. 64%) and thinking critically and analytically (70% vs. 64%).



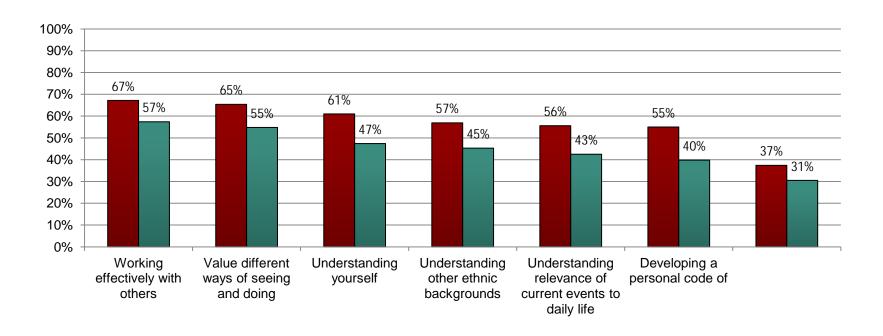
#### **Critical Thinking**



•	Students felt that the college contributed very much or quite a bit to working
•	effectively with others (60%) and value different ways of seeing and doing (58%).  A higher percentage rate at other ex-

## Community

How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?



Over half of the full-time and part-time respondents report that Foothill
has contributed very much or quite a bit to their ability to work
effectively with others and value different ways of seeing and doing.

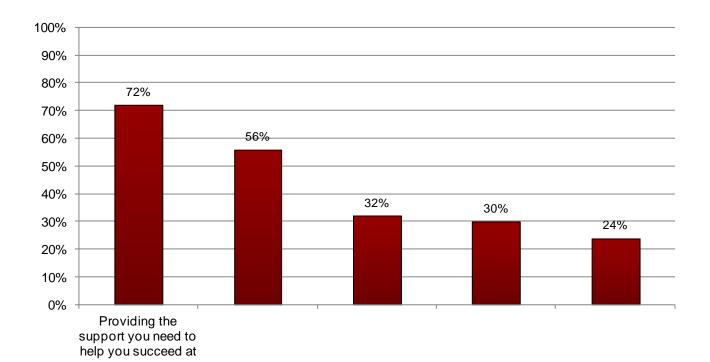


## **ILO Comparisons**

How much has your experience at this college contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?

### Instruction

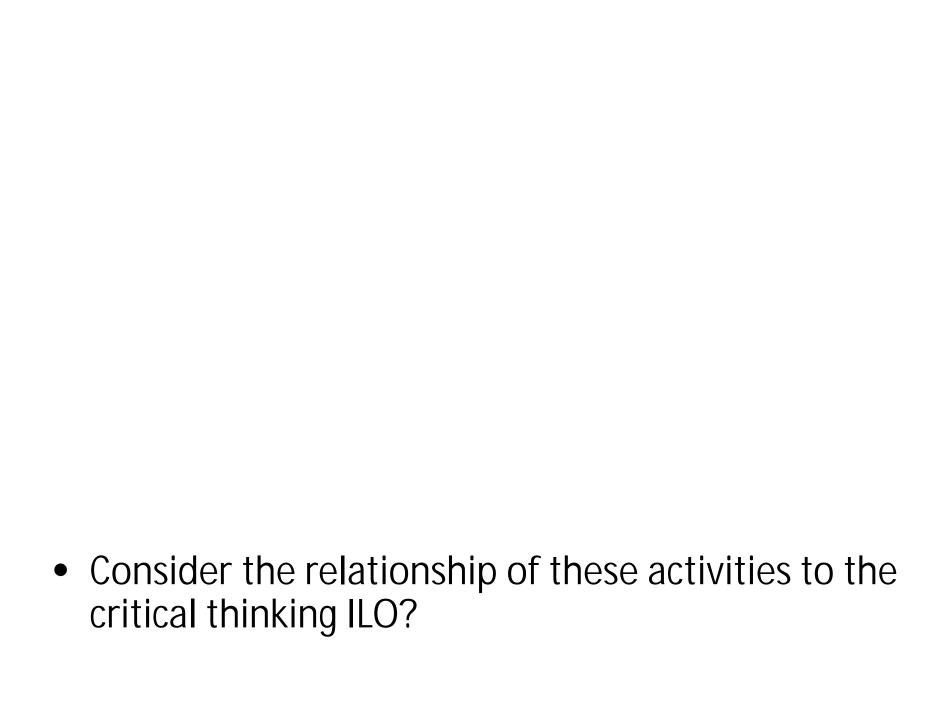




# **Faculty Support**

- Almost all student report that instructors are at least somewhat available, helpful and sympathetic (99%).
- A higher percentage of students report instructors are available, helpful and sympathetic compared to students at other ex-large colleges (69% vs. 60%).







# **Academic Challenge**

- Almost all students report being at least somewhat challenged by their exams to do their best work (96%).
- Almost half of students noted that they often or very often worked harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor's standards (46%).





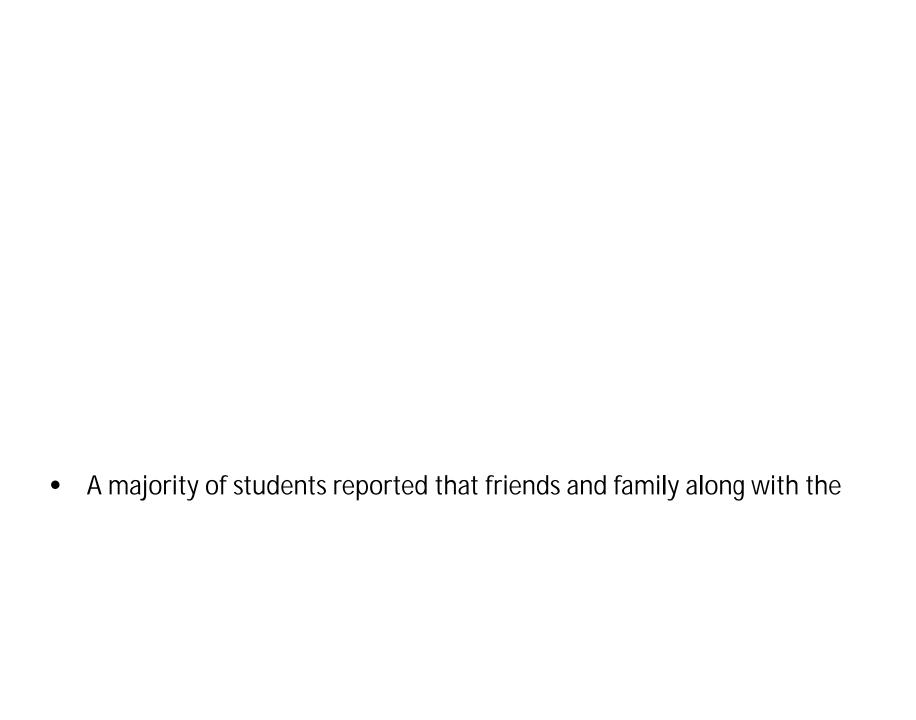
#### **Student Effort**

In your experiences at this college during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the follow /TT3 1 Tfff

• Almost 40% of respondents indicated that they spent more than 10 hours a week preparing for class (38%). Compared to students attending other ex-large institutions, only 27% of students reported spending as much time preparing for class.



# General Student Experiences



# **How Students Spend Time**

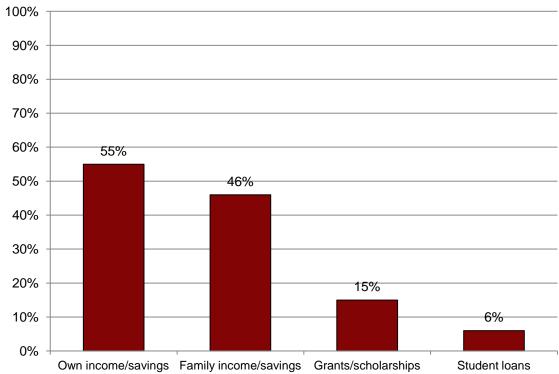
About how many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing each of the following?

- More students report spending 11 or more hours working for pay and preparing for class.
- A lower percentage of students at other ex-large colleges spend 11 or more hours preparing for class compared (28% vs. 37%).



# **Paying for Foothill**

Indicate which of the following are a major source you use to pay your tuition at this college?



- A major tuition source for roughly half of the respondents are either their own or their family's income or savings (56% vs. 46%).
- Compared to other ex-large colleges, 37% rely primarily on their own income and 30% on their family's income. Another 21% cite student loans and 37% report grants and scholarships as a major tuition source.

#### **Reasons to Leave Foothill**

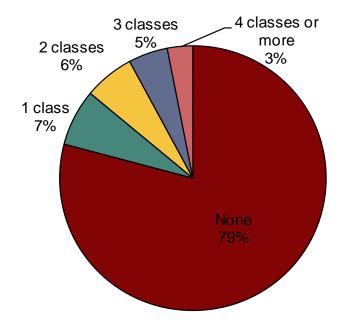


- When combining likely and very likely responses, at least one-third of students indicate that working full-time and a lack of finances could lead them to leave Foothill (41% and 39%).
- At other ex-large colleges, transfer to a four-year, a lack of finances and caring for dependents were reasons that would very likely lead to a student to withdraw from their college (35%, 30% and 29%).



#### **Concurrent Enrollment**

How many classes are you presently taking at other institutions? 2w7(s)2



- About one-fourth of respondents are enrolled at another institution (20%).
- 12% are taking courses at another community college while another 4% are concurrently enrolled at a four-year college or university.



- Measuring our institutional learning outcomes.
- Role of faculty in engaging students.
- Role of

## **Next Steps**

 Disaggregation of international and basic skills students.

- Ideas for further exploration?
- How to apply to program review and program improvement?