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## Message from the Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness Dear WesternU Community:

Welcome to our summer issue of Descriptives, The IRE Newsletter! We recently completed the first collection phase of our annual First Year Student Survey and the Graduating Student Survey. We had a great year in terms of response rates; the First Year Survey garnered a response rate of 45.4% while the Graduating Student Survey did even better (66.8% response rate). In total, 917 students responded to one of two surveys; many thanks to all of those that participated.

This issue will provide you a sneak peek into the data collected so far, including a word cloud based on qualitative data. We hope you find this information both interesting and informative.

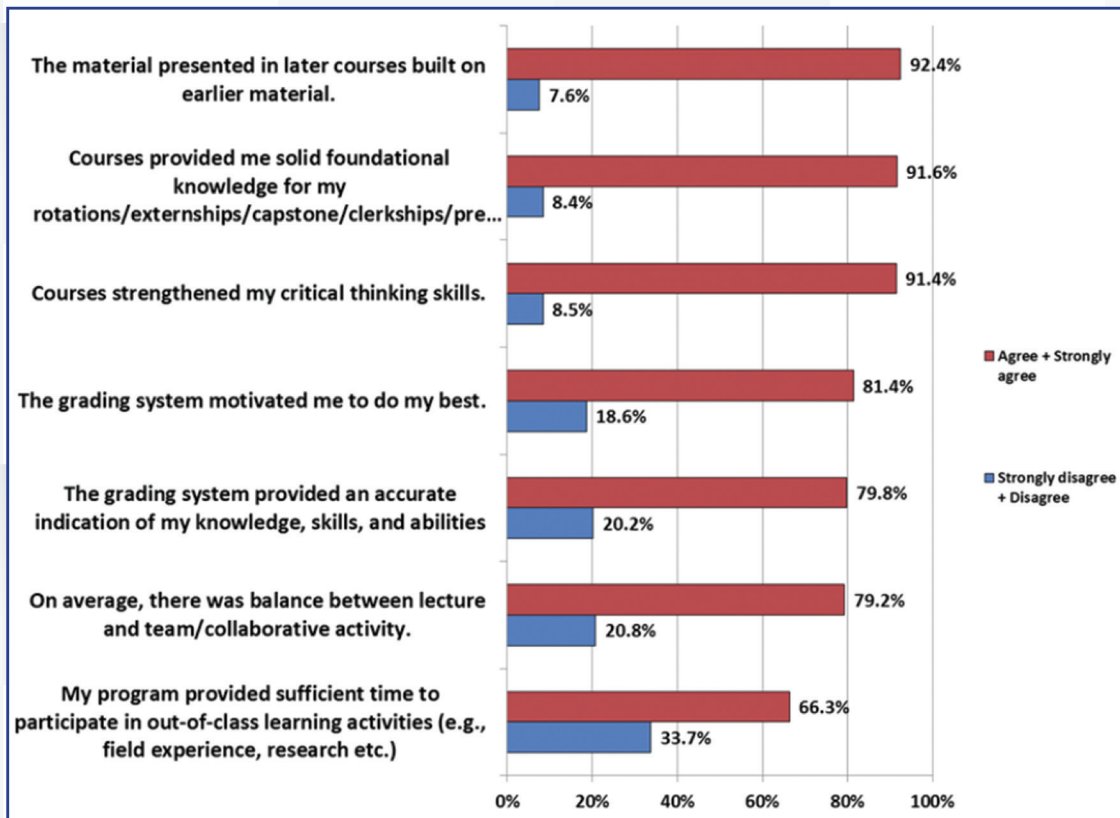
Sincerely,  
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## Assessment and Program Review Committee Updates

- Many thanks to Dr. Anandi Law, Department Chair and Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Administration, and Dr. Donna Redman-Bentley, Associate Dean for Research and Professor for the College of Allied Health. Their contributions have been a valuable asset to the assessment committee.
- Welcome Dr. Linda Garavalia, Professor and Associate Dean for Assessment from the College of Pharmacy! Dr. Garavalia earned her doctorate in educational psychology from the University of South Carolina. She joined us here at WesternU in April 2015 and has extensive experience in educational assessment.
- Welcome Dr. Tina Meyer, Chair of the Department of Health Sciences! Dr. Meyer earned her doctorate in Global Health Sciences from Nova Southeastern University.
- Welcome Matthew Durkin, M.A.! Matt is the Director of Assessment for the College of Graduate Nursing (CGN). He oversees and directs all aspects of the CGN's program effectiveness and continuous improvement process.
- We look forward to working with Linda, Tina, and Matthew!
- This upcoming 2015-2016 academic year the Assessment and Program Review Committee will be evaluating Humanism and Life-Long Learning.

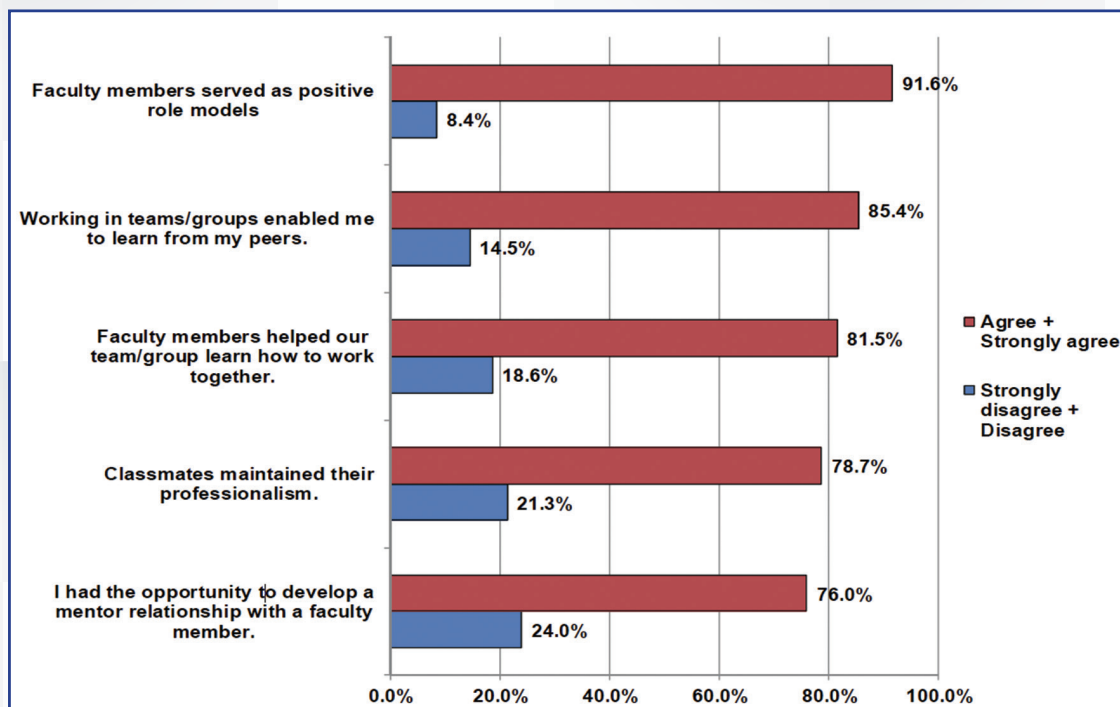
# Results from our 2015 First Year Survey!

## Chart 1. Educational Experiences



# Results from our 2015 Graduating Student Survey!

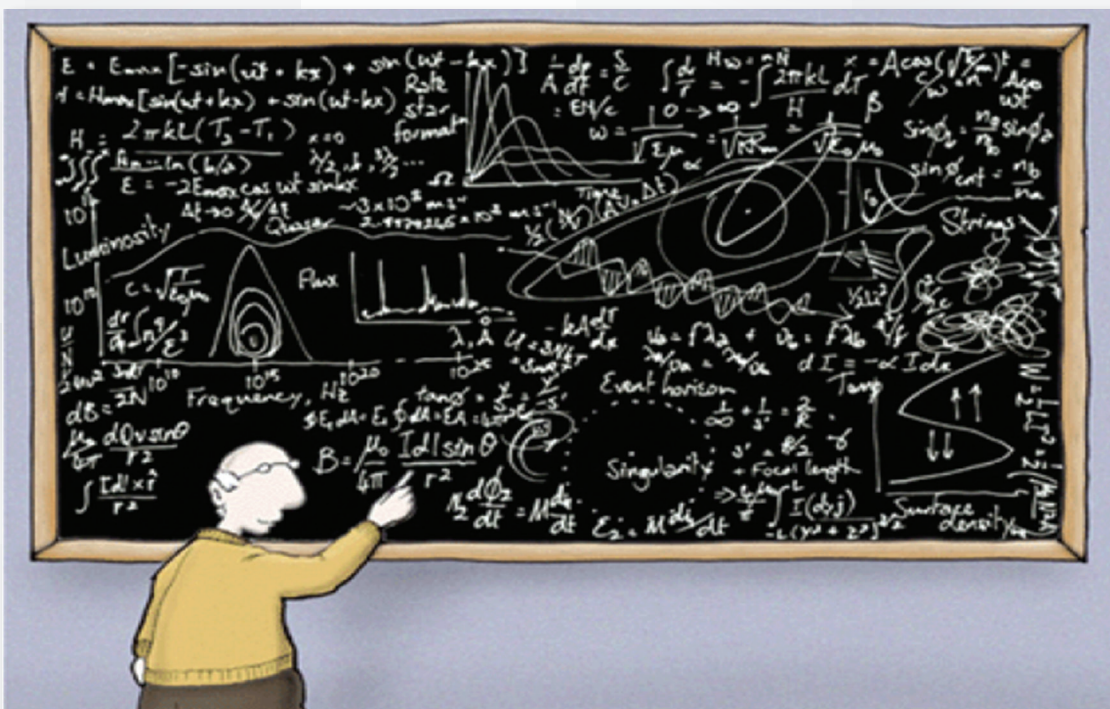
## Chart 2. Interactions with Classmates and Faculty



### Chart 3. WesternU First Year Students' Favorite Learning Approaches



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