

Background on the Senior Survey

- 67% response rate in 2008; 68% in 2010
- In both years, the group of respondents was representative on race/ethnicity and financial aid status, but females were overrepresented.

Question from the Committee on Financial Aid and Summary of Responses (*charts on following pages*)

- Do students on financial aid feel like they have to make sacrifices (e.g. travel, non-paid research/internships)?
 - Students were asked to indicate if they strongly disagreed, disagreed, agreed, or strongly agreed with the statement, “Due to a lack of money, I have had to forego...”
 - A. study abroad
 - B. extracurricular activities
 - C. community service
 - D. non-paying research/internships
 - In both 2008 and 2010, there were statistically significant differences based on financial aid status on all four items. The average responses for study abroad, extracurricular activities, and community service were on the disagree side of the scale: non-aided students disagreed more strongly than aided students that they had to forego those activities due to a lack of money. However, on the question of having to forego non-paying research/internships due to lack of money, aided students were more likely to agree, while non-aided students disagreed.
 - On all items and both financial aid groups, the average responses decreased from 2008 to 2010.



