

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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**REIMAGINING STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT SURVEY**

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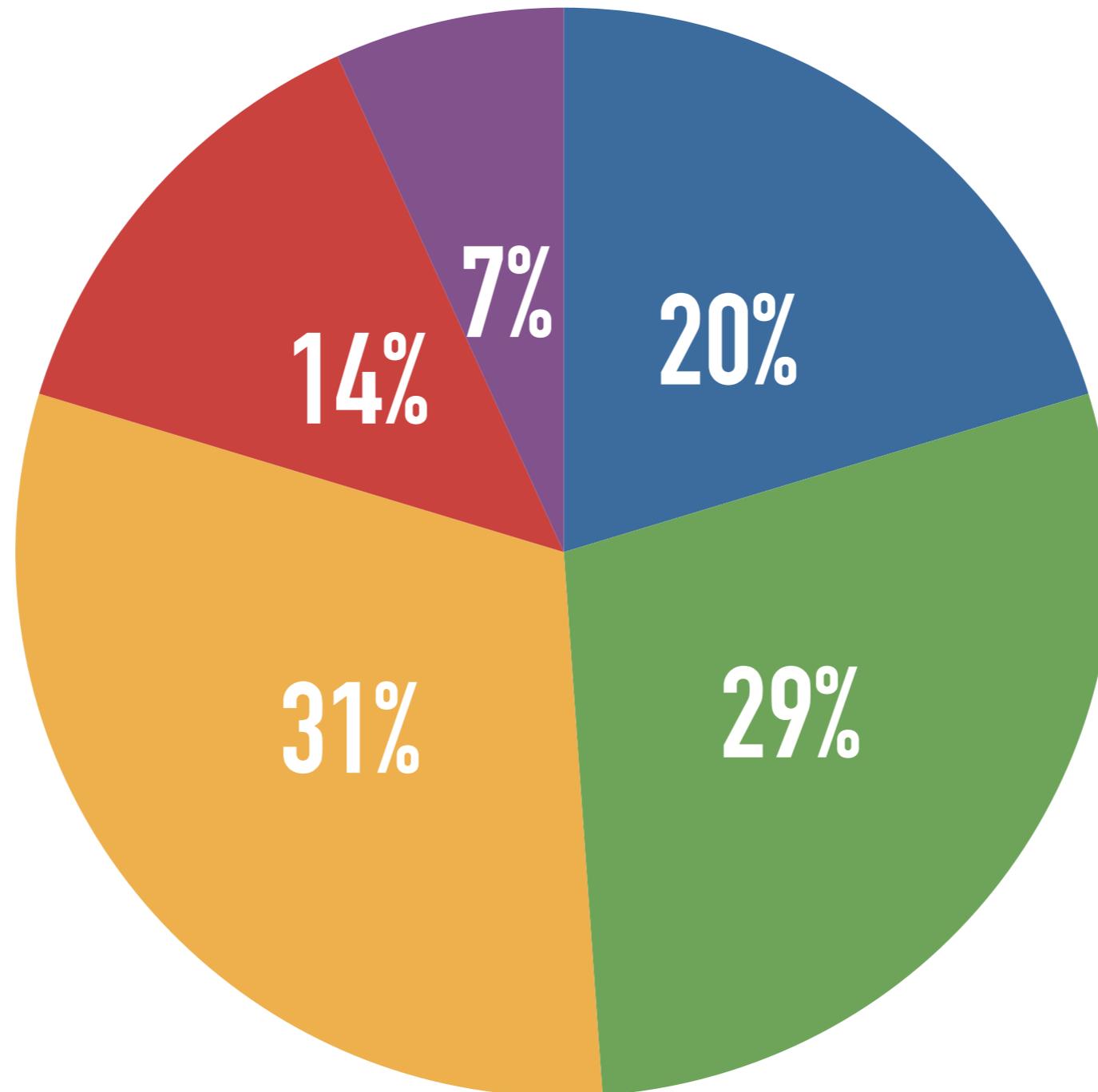
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■ 5th or above

## Q1: What Year are you in?



# Q2: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT?

"A body of government that represents student interests and works together with this student body to ensure that the student experience is continually improving."

Communication

Transparency

"To lead by example and serve the students, to also be a bridge between students and administrators of the college"

"I expect an open dialogue between the government and the student body"

Community Building

Engagement

Dedication

Accountability

Integrity

Leadership

"Equality, Equity, Understanding, Empathy and Flexibility"

# Q3: HOW DO YOU THINK SMCSU SHOULD FACTOR INTO LIFE AT USMC? WHAT ROLE DO YOU THINK IT SHOULD PLAY & WHAT VALUES SHOULD IT FOSTER & UPHOLD?

Events are cool, any small helpful initiatives are cool (i.e. the free-coffee-during-exam-period type things), but again, the articulation and defense of students' interests should be the primary concern. The union should foster a sense of community based in genuine inclusivity, compassion and empathy, and free and transparent inquiry.

Have information sessions on important policies and events happening in the community. The values should be that of integrity, honesty, dedication.

I do think the SMCSU should help uphold the values at SMC as a Catholic College, but since such a large portion of students do not adhere to that religion, I also think that everyone should feel accepted and included.

It should strive to achieve student integration, equality and the authentic joy of student learning as well as student-mentor relationships

I think SMCSU should factor into life at St Mike's the way it always had, by running events and coordinating the student body in a way that unifies the college.

Similarly to above, I think that USMC should primarily handle the academic side of things, and SMCSU should handle the more social side of things. With that being said, I think that there has to be a natural and consistent dialogue between both that will allow for feedback and ideas to be shared.

SMCSU needs to get students involved, hold monthly town-hall style meetings that allow students to become more involved. The student government is supposed to serve the students, so they must work to incorporate different ideas from different students. They also need to host events to get students to feel more open that are well announced and advertised.

Work with administration to increase the quality of life of students.

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A sense of community is key, allowing everyone to consider each others as good friends and appreciate everyone as individuals, rather than evaluating each other based on different religions, ethnicity, political alignments, etc. To be on good terms, and then proceed to more sensitive and personal topics will offer civilized debates at most, rather than animosity. As such, organizing annual and one time event are key in my opinion. To be able to hold open discourse, and to recognize the difference between critique and attack is also key. Without discussion, pent up feeling, assumptions, and misunderstandings will lead to nothing but frayed relations.

Above all, SMCSU should foster and uphold Catholic values (which ultimately put the common good of ALL people at the helm); its practices should be equitable, sustainable and respectable to all. Whatever role it plays, it should ensure that it strengthens the community of SMC

## Diversity, Inclusion, Welcoming

I think SMCSU should act as a way to make student life at SMC fun and welcoming. SMCSU should use their autonomy and position to bring together the students of SMC to make their time at SMC memorable. SMCSU should hold events and opportunities that enable SMC students to take advantage of their college. SMCSU should value their role of transparency and putting students first and foremost of their priorities. Student run government by the students for the students.

Inclusivity, helping people enjoy themselves while at university and stay healthy & safe.

It being the Catholic College on campus, there should always be resources available for its Catholic students while maintaining inclusivity for everyone.

It should focus on inclusiveness, acceptance, and belonging. A lot of students due to differing values and interests feel isolated at SMC due to a variety of representatives and SMC activities not appealing to their interests. As a result, students often feel left out of even looked down on if their interests differ from that of current SMC values and interests.

## Q4: IF YOU HAD TO WRITE A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN 2-3 SENTENCES, WHAT WOULD YOU WRITE?

SMCSU functions as a body to serve students through various programs and services. It also aims to promote social and student life for St. Mikes students

Effective, responsible student representation that seeks to maintain and improve University service while lowering costs to students

It is our duty to serve the student body of St. Michaels College. We want to provide a rich student experience so students leave us proud of their college. The student government has an important role to play in ensuring that students of all types feel happy and represented

SMCSU's goal is to empower and assist students to achieve their highest potential. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment at SMC for all students to reach their goals.

As members of SMCSU, we strive to link students with necessary resources and people, while providing to the community at USMC. We will create and uphold the values and traditions at USMC, and will always build up a place where everyone feels welcome.

Honesty, integrity, and education is key for the student government to iterate. Focus on bridging the gap between a student's academic and social life at the university.

Of the students. For the students.

Reflecting the diverse cultures and interests of St Michaels College Students through every action.

SMCSU balances the values of the Roman Catholic faith as well as the values of the student body for which they provide support and representation to.

# Q5: DO YOU HAVE EXPECTATIONS (e.g. behavior, conduct, etc) OF YOUR ELECTED STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES?

Act responsibly and with respect for the students you represent

I expect transparency, respect, inclusivity, democracy, integrity, humility & less bigotry; responsible, empathetic. Accountable. Be honest, have integrity, be open minded, and above all else have fun

I expect the elected student government representatives to be visible (i.e. try to interact with as much of the college community as possible) and share what they have been doing for the college with all the students

Be friendly, passionate about SMCSU and the role it can play by improving students University experience

As leaders they should be irreproachable in behavior. The actions taken by elected students is not just a reflection of the ideals and values they hold, but is taken as an extension of the college. Which makes it imperative that they conduct themselves in a respectable manner in both their public and personal lives.

For them to use their elected power to appropriately use funds in order to support the wants and needs of the student population. Also, to behave in a way that is accepted by the student population and by a general moral code. They should promote unity, and equality for all students.

I expect the elected student government to be respectful of all faiths and allow all faiths to be recognized at the University of St. Michael's College.

I expect them to set a good example, yet that does not mean I expect them to live like a monk. They are free to live their lives as long as they promote and project an air of inclusion and acceptance of everybody else as well.

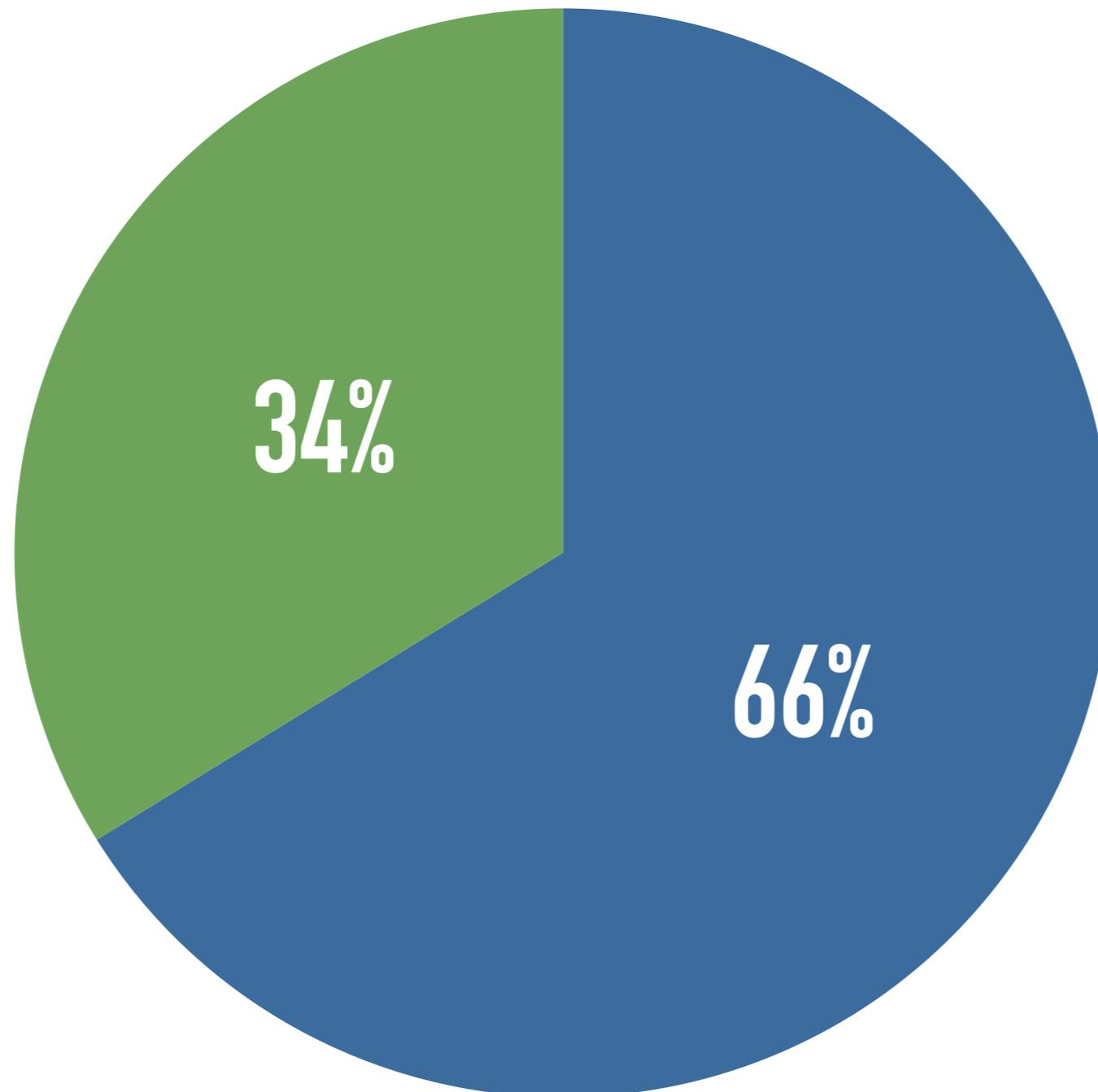
I expect those elected to use their best judgment on making choices and decisions. Maybe think, "What would those I'm representing want/ do?"

Understanding. Adaptability. Honesty. Un-Bias. Professionalism. You are not here to make friends, and support people who have done wrong. Think of the betterment of the entire student population. Please.

■ Yes

■ No

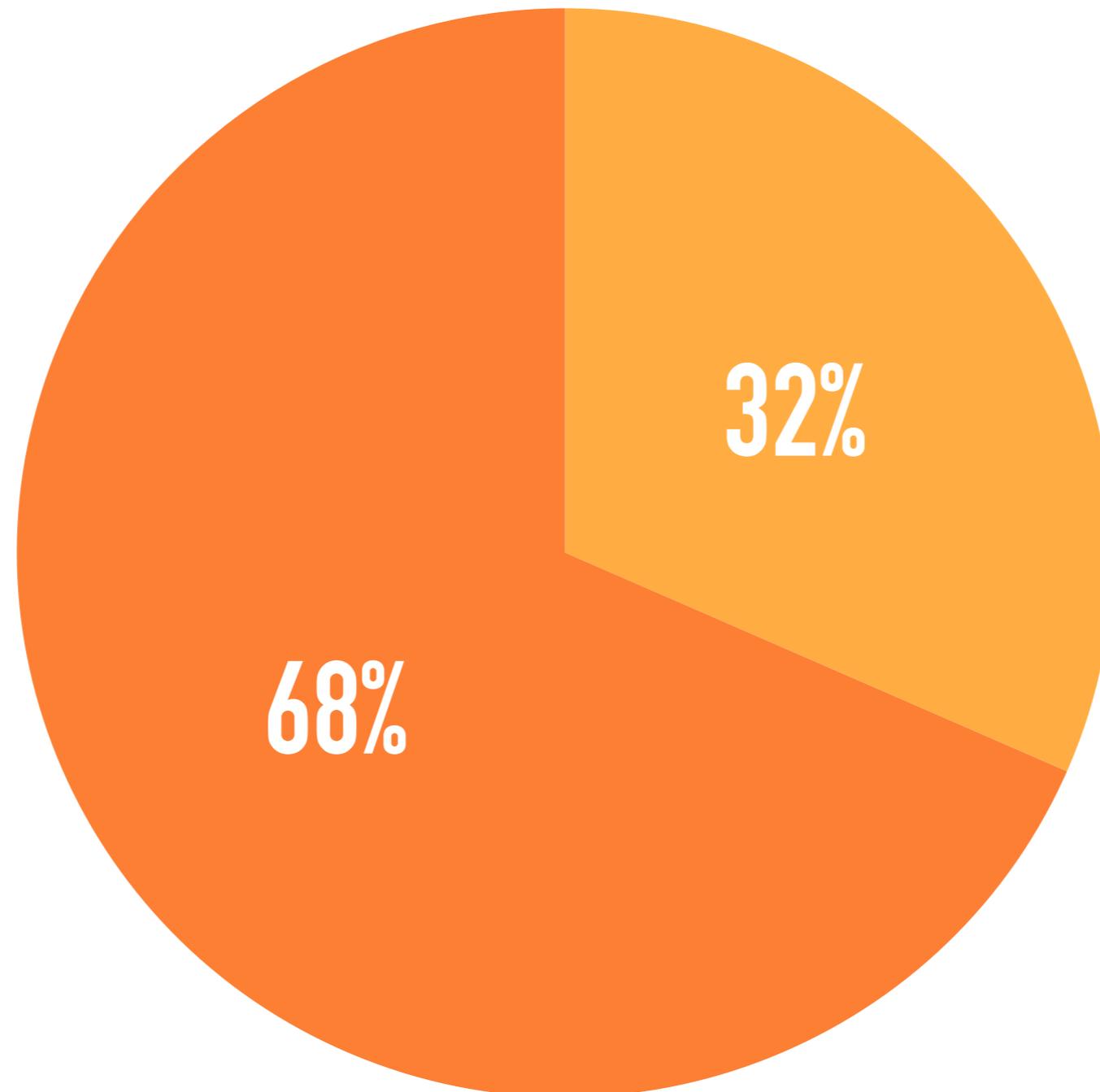
## Q6: HAVE YOU EVER VOTED IN A SMSCU ELECTION?



■ Yes

■ No

# Q7: IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, HAVE YOU FELT ENGAGED IN SMCSU'S ELECTORAL PROCESS?



# Q8: HOW COULD WE IMPROVE OUR ELECTIONS?

More publicity about the elections so both resident and commuter students know they're occurring.

Send out information about candidates via email.

Have a longer voting period. Voting was too short, and the notice for when to vote is way too close to the actual date. By the time people find out that its time to vote in a SMCSU election, the election is over.

Implement online voting to reach a wider audience.

Hold events where people can meet the candidates

All candidates meeting Some sort of "statement of intent" or "statement of student government values" that all candidates must agree to.

Have video presentations online so people can see the candidates, not just their names .

More and better advertisement of voting places and times, and the publication of easily accessible information on the candidates and their policies.

Perhaps allow for students at SMC to get to know the nominees better? Having speeches before the elections where candidates can introduce themselves and share what they would bring to SMCSU.

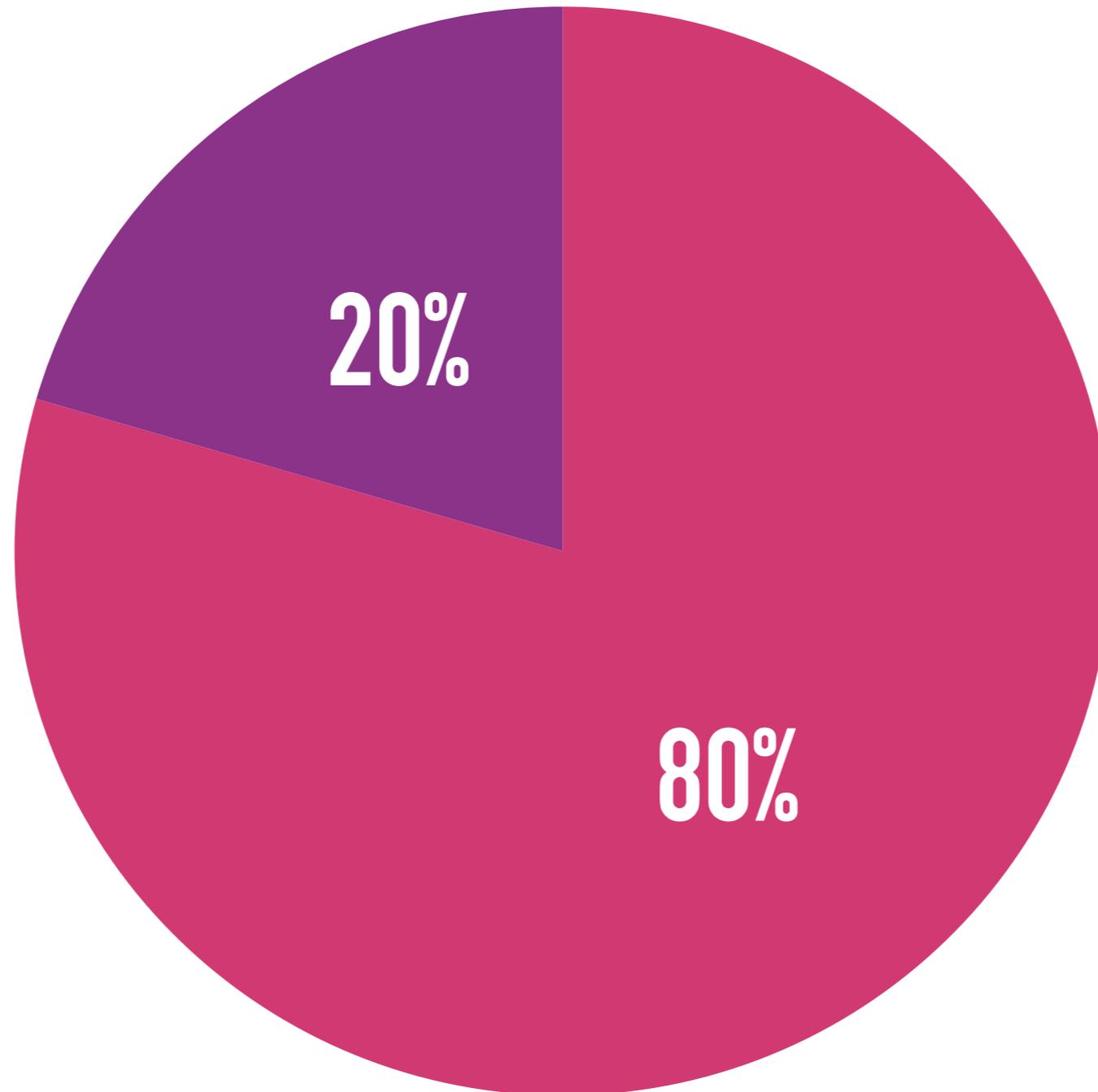
Try to get different groups of people to take part, rather than having the same group of people and their friends running. Make it an election for everyone in the college not just the people who live on residence.

You really can't, the election process is as fair and as inclusive as possible.

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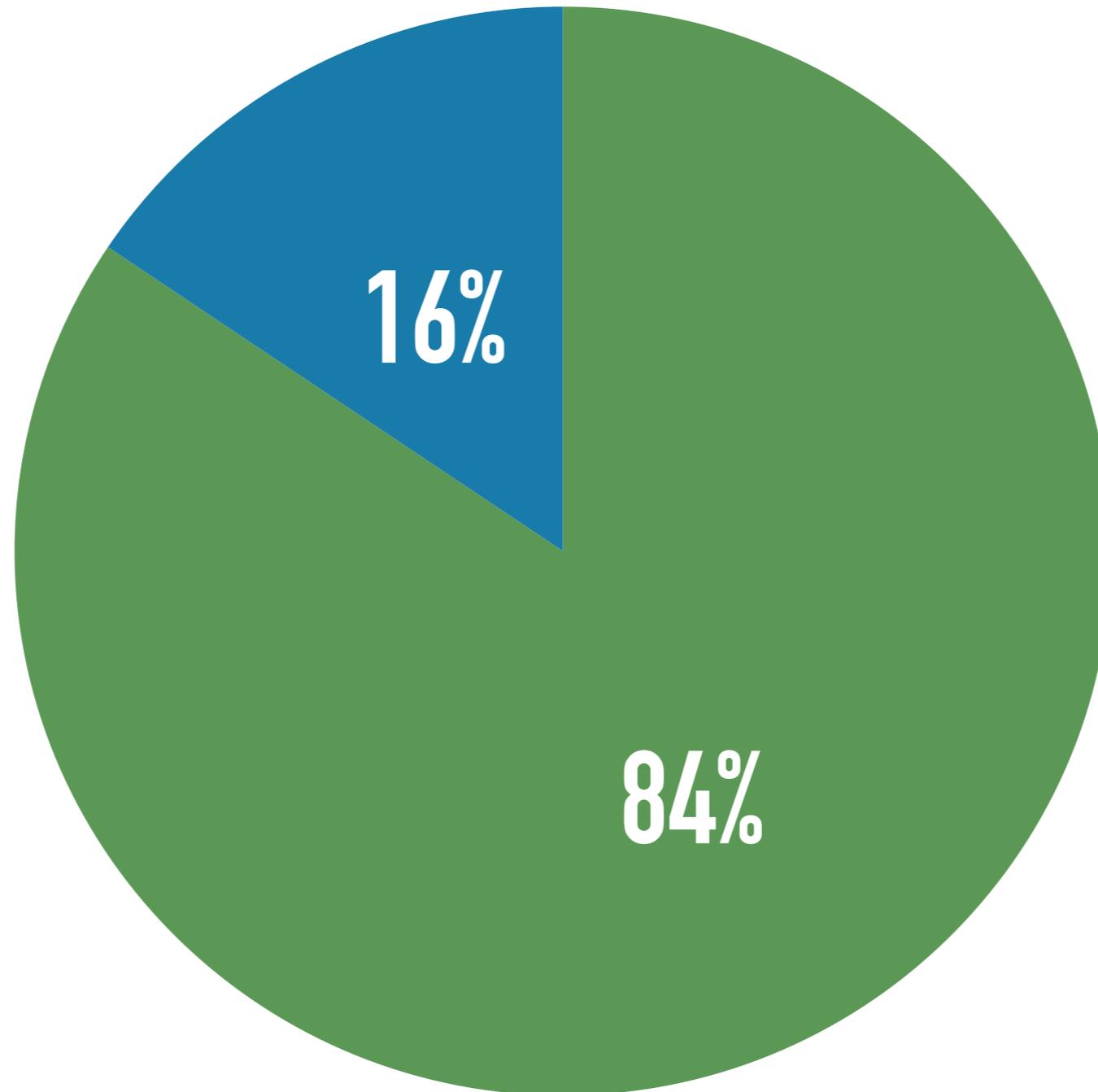
# Q9: DO THESE AREAS (THE COMMISSIONS) MEET YOUR NEEDS AS A STUDENT?



■ Yes

■ No

# Q10: DO THESE AREAS (THE COMMISSIONS) MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COLLEGE?



# Q11: ARE THERE ANY AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADDED, BETTER ADDRESSED OR REMOVED ?

Amalgamate the positions instead of having a commissioner and officer.

International student rep

Finance should not be one person

Commission focused on issues of equity, inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue, mental health

The Double Blue and Community Life seem redundant

Confusion about the role of commissioner and officer.

Athletics needs to be improved drastically... no one knows where to go and who to contact in order to play intramurals, and when an email is sent, it is not always responded to. There is no excuse not to have a team for almost all intramurals considering how big st.mikes is. There should be more drive to get students active and involved.

Equity Officer. Student Board Members (students who want to be a part of the conversation) **ADVERTISE OPEN MEETINGS.**

Have more than two people on these committees so the work load isnt so large for them. I think that the roles of commissioner and officer as a hierarchy (commissioner first, officer second) should be disregarded. I think both should be a co-comissioner type of ordeal. They workd together with equal roles. Along with the President and VP.

The title of the "Religious and Community Affairs (RCA)" is somewhat misleading and should be changed considering it clearly only caters towards Catholic needs within the college as oppose to anybody with a "religious" affiliation.

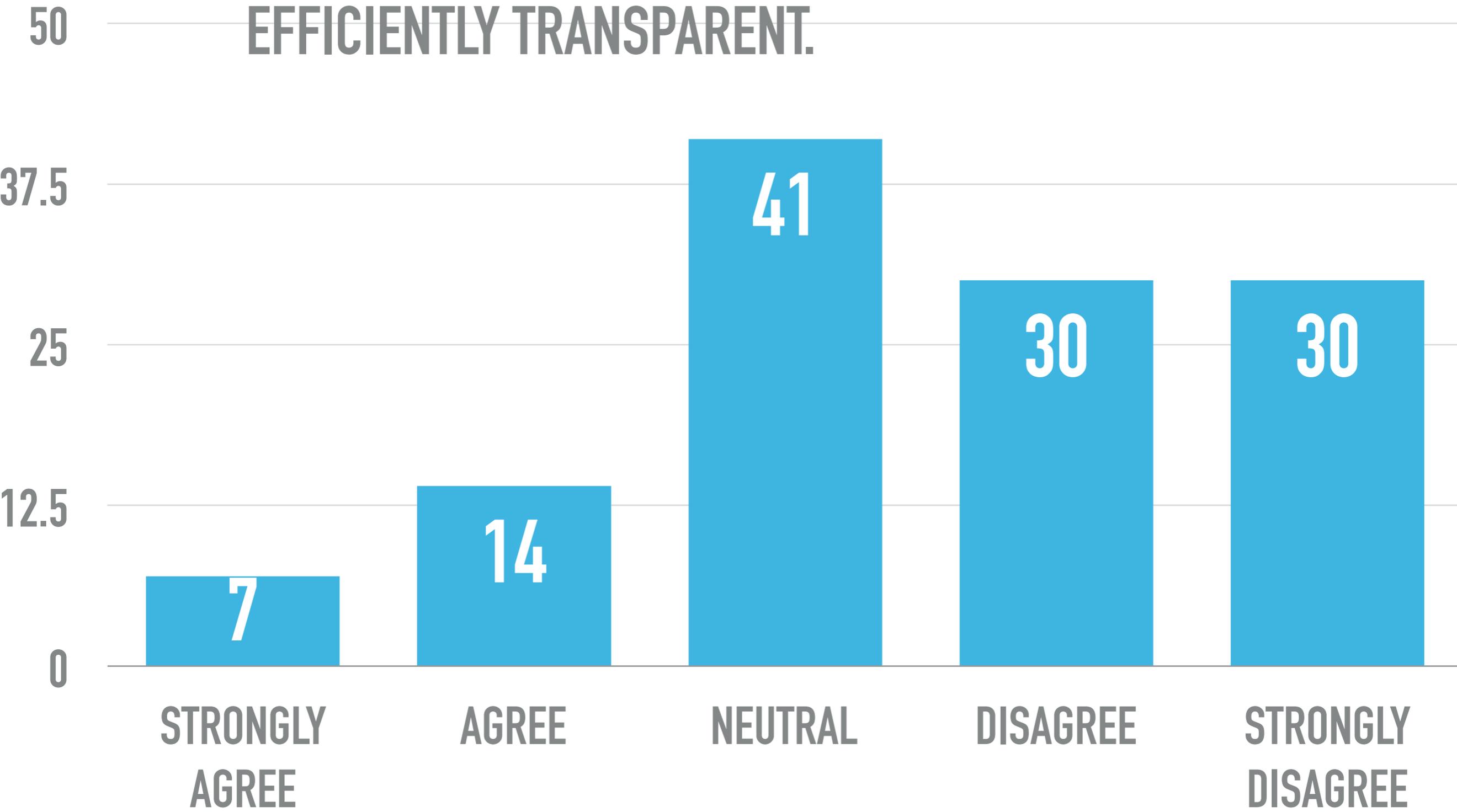
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Double Blue, CLC can pretty much be merged together now... club nights are gone and both do the exact same things. Just name it Social or keep the name Double Blue. RCA can be re-imagined as more religious/ spiritual and volunteer since it is often mistaken for CLC (I know I have done that) I wish they did more stuff about spirituality and engage with other faiths. I would love them to do weekly meditations! Give more attention to Education and Government! Just reading by their description they could be doing so much more! Maybe re-name it to better suit it? Don't know what but worth a shot. Communications also needs to do what it is described because I have been in res and I haven't seen anything from them also they have really negative history of being the worst at communicating with students and USMC! They can do so much better and it should really be addressed. Athletics needs a complete re-work... like gut and re-structure they are so disorganized. So many times I have tried to participate in sports and they are awful. For sure needs to be addressed and add oversight! Also I know its not listed here but UTSU reps need to not be part of SMCSU.. They have been marred in controversy and pretty much all the time I have not seen any of them work in the best interests of SMCSU nor have they been around to understand SMC students. ALSO UTSU elections are corrupt and students are handpicked to fit the ideas of the slate. SO most of the time the rep are not working for the interests of SMC students but for UTSU. They need to go and not be part of SMCSU. Basically, not be part of the structure of council (look at WW... their UTSU reps are not part of the council and can't influence members with votes or ideas etc) They need to not be part of SMCSU and not vote etc. Unless UTSU elections become fair, transparent where these reps are not handpicked and only support one view, then no way should they be part of the structure of SMCSU where they are able to vote and influence the decisions of SMCSU for students. They also seem the most un-involved, irrelevant student reps are don't make the effort to become aware or understand about SMCSU or SMC issues.

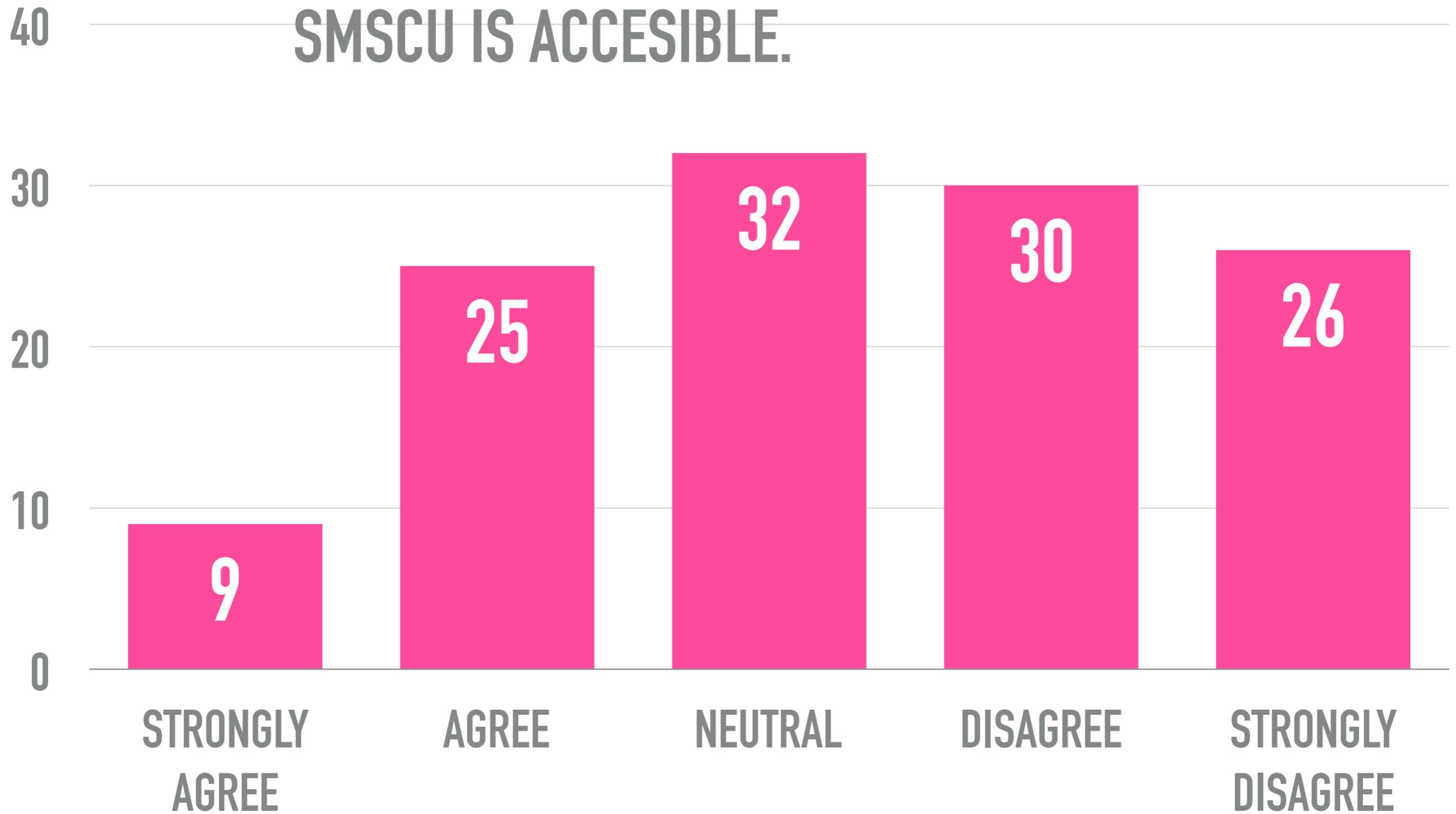
## Sustainability commission

This has often been discussed amongst "us" "students": the Arts commission's duties or the events that they oversee should really done in partnership with the thriving SMCTroubadours club. It would benefit the council, the club and the students if this happened (financially and for outreach purposes).

**Q12: PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT  
WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: SMSCU IS  
EFFICIENTLY TRANSPARENT.**



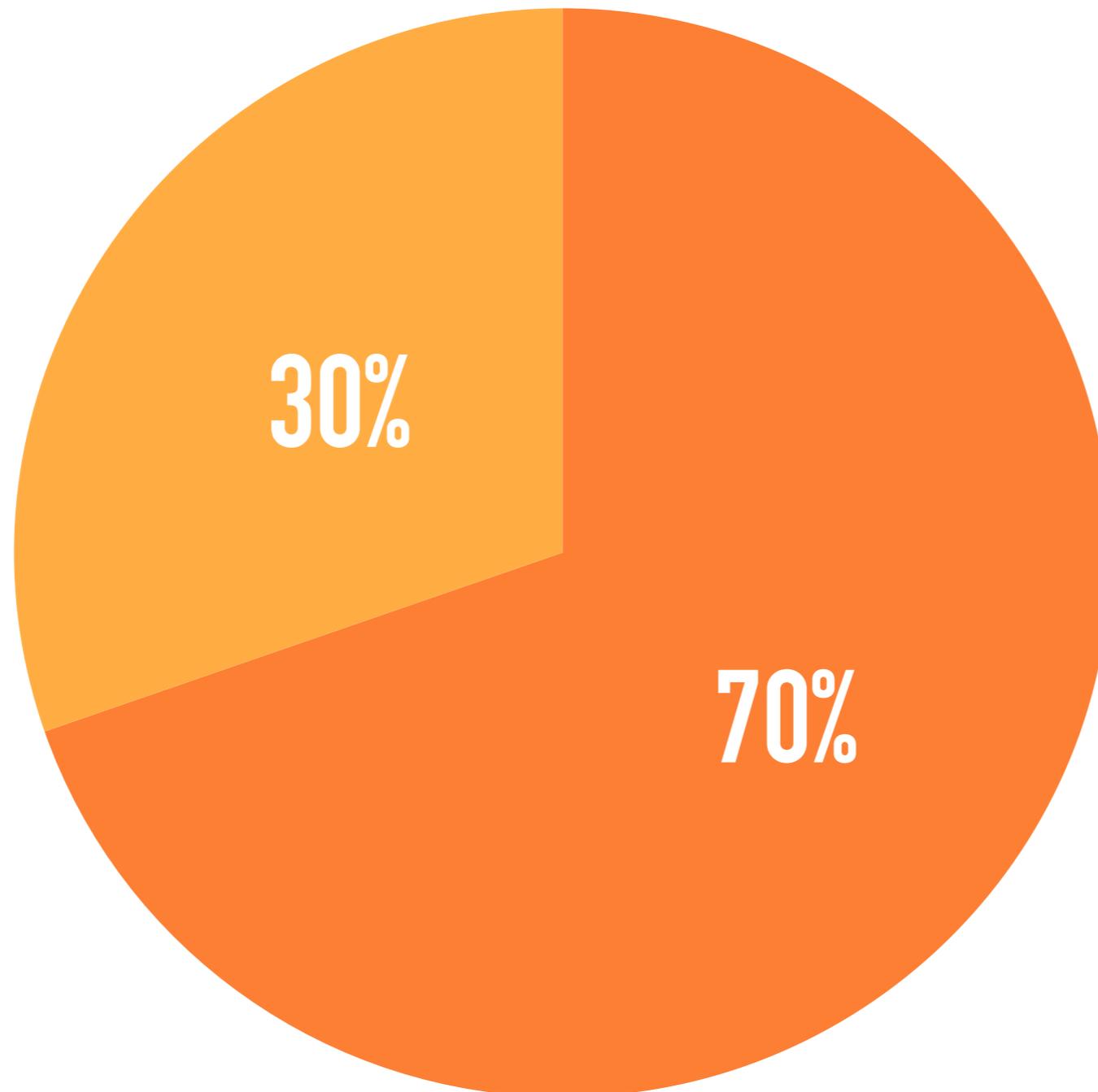
**Q13: PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:**  
**SMSCU IS ACCESIBLE.**



■ Yes

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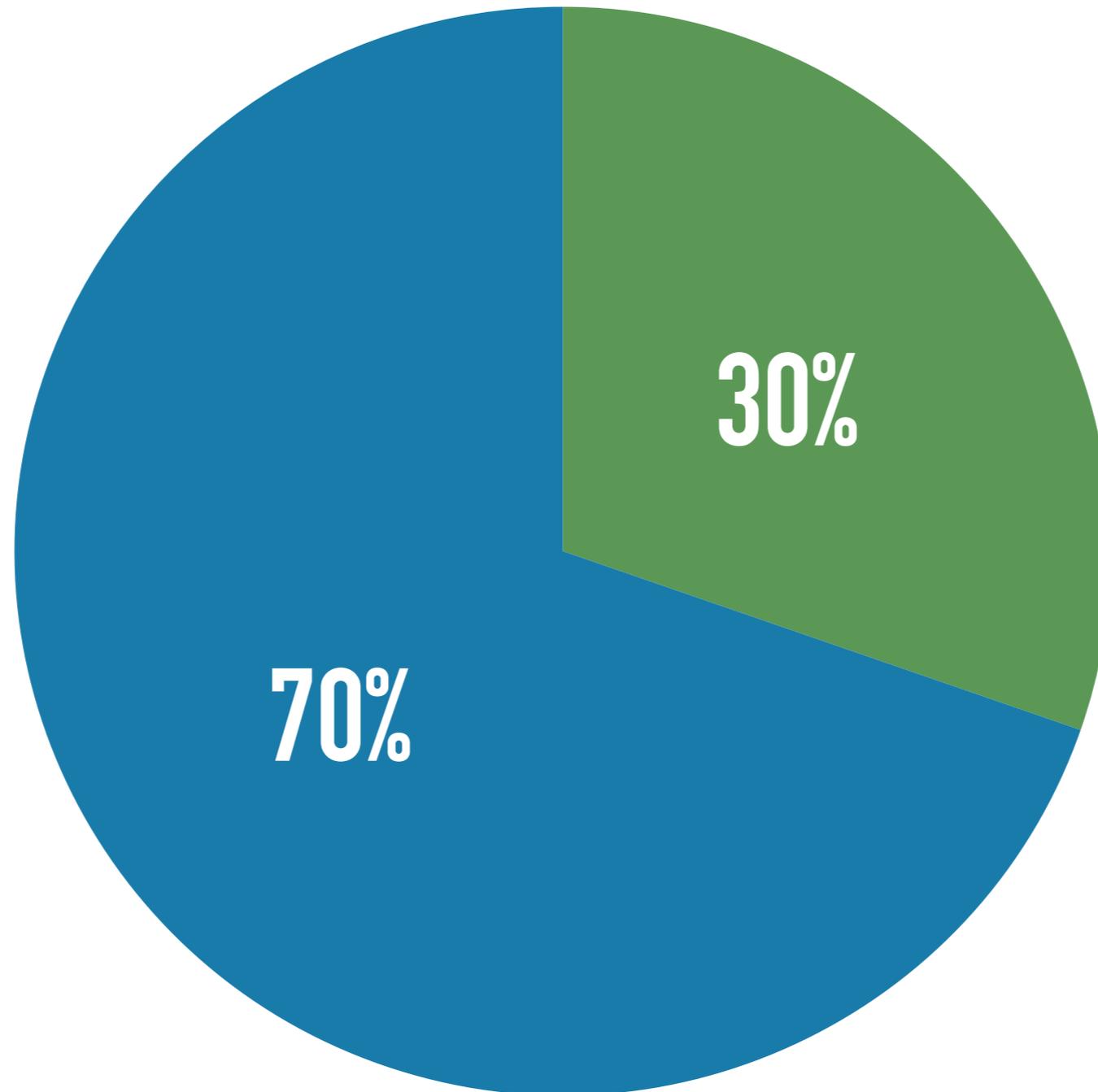
**Q14: SMSCU HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS “CLIQUEY” OR “INTIMIDATION”. HAS THIS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE?**



■ YES, IT SHOULD CHANGE

■ NO, IT SHOULD REMAIN

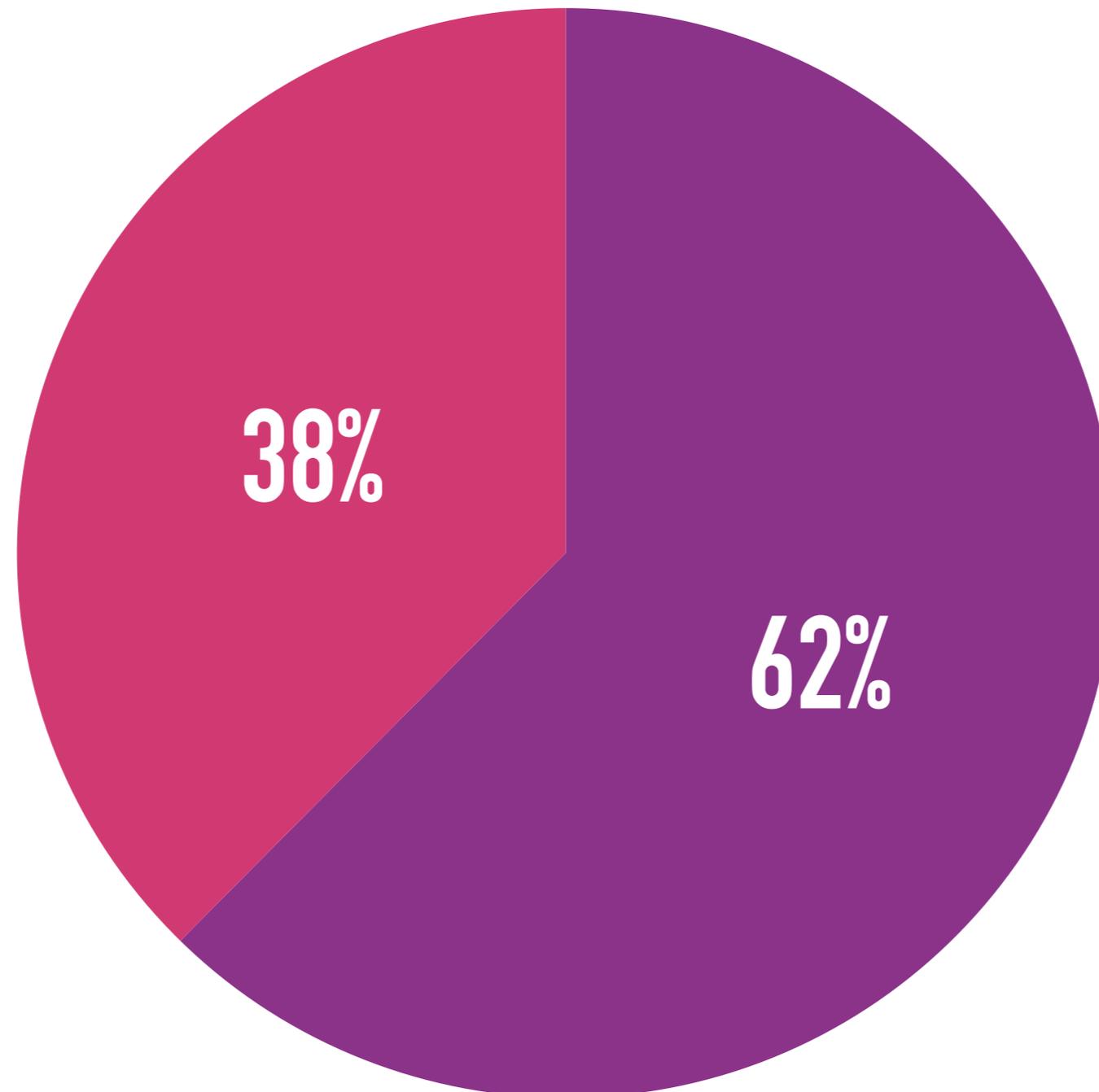
**Q15: IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE NAME OF SMSCU REMAIN OR SHOULD WE CHANGE IT?**



■ Yes

■ No

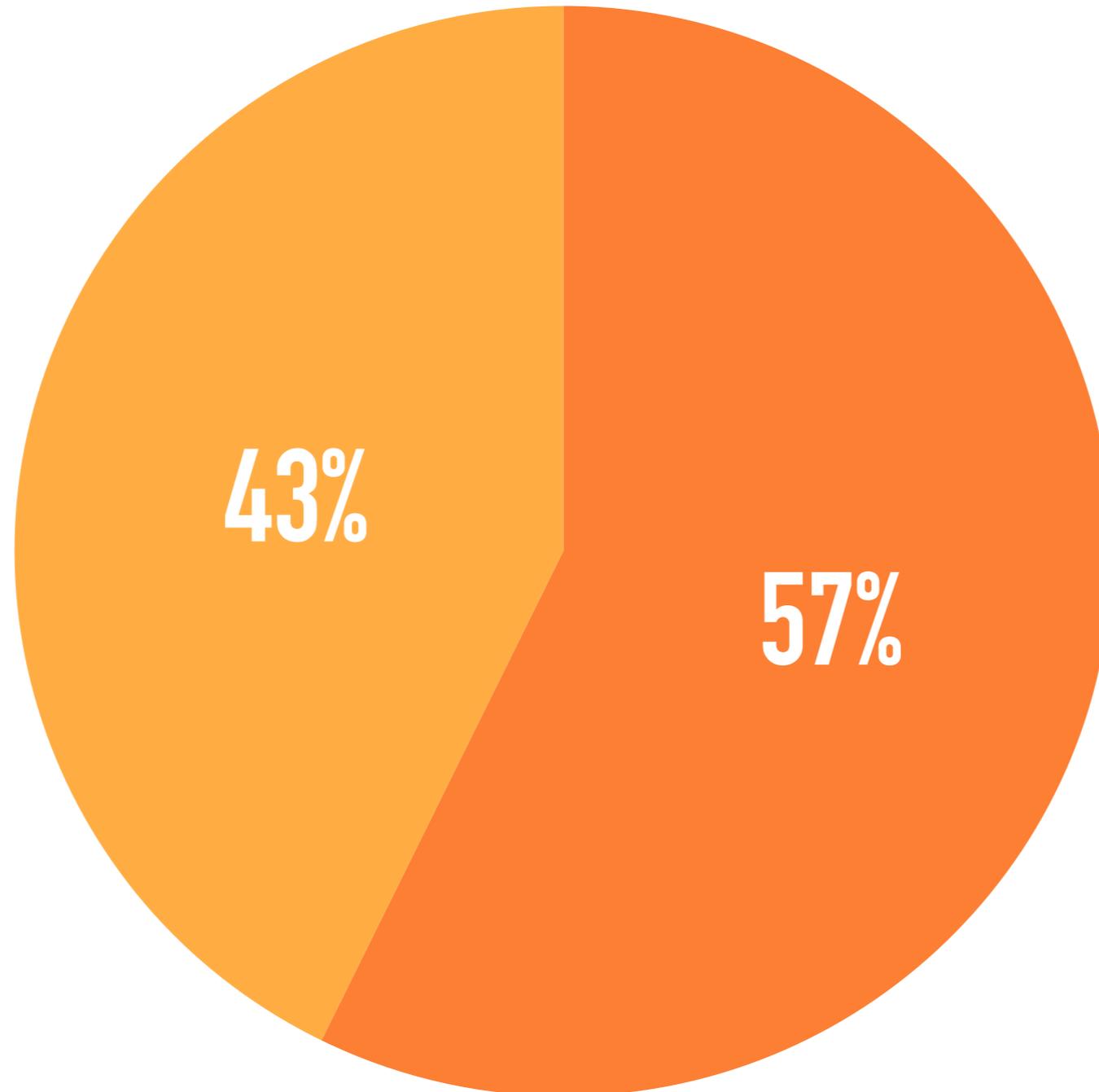
**Q16: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS REGISTERED AT ST. MIKES PAY \$28/YEAR TOWARDS THE STUDENT UNION. WERE YOU AWARE THAT YOU AUTOMATICALLY PAID THESE FEES?**



■ Yes

■ No

**Q17: SINCE THE SUMMER OF 2016, SMCSU HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A FORENSIC INVESTIGATION FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. ARE ARE AWARE OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION?**



# Q18: WHAT DO YOU REQUIRE FROM YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT TO FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT?

A break down of where our money is spent, or at least some evidence that our money is being spent towards what benefits us as students

A document sent out by email at the beginning of the year saying where the student government proposes to spend the \$28, and a document at the end of the year saying how it was actually spent. And possibly one halfway through the year (after first semester) saying how that is going. \$28 doesn't seem like a lot, but to some students (especially those that can't or don't participate in SMCSU programming), that can be a lot of money.

Full transparency. Seeing monthly financial records about how everything is being spent, maybe being completely card based so that no cash is in hand.

A published annual budget for the school year, and then a statement at the end of the school year showing where money went.

All expenses/ yearly budget should be available online to all students to improve transparency.

Annual email sent out to all St. Michael's College students on the official listserv through their Utoronto emails. This email will contain a link to a document either made available online through archived tabs etc. containing the amount spent in that year and what the expenses were. Including, the total amount acquired from all SMC students within that year and exactly how much was used, not used and so forth.

Have accessible budget templates so you can see where the money is going. In light of the financial investigation, the university should have released the names responsible for it instead of protecting them. They stole OUR money, not the colleges, but we weren't even informed. I also only found out because I have friends on SMCSU, otherwise, no one bothered to tell the students what was going on.

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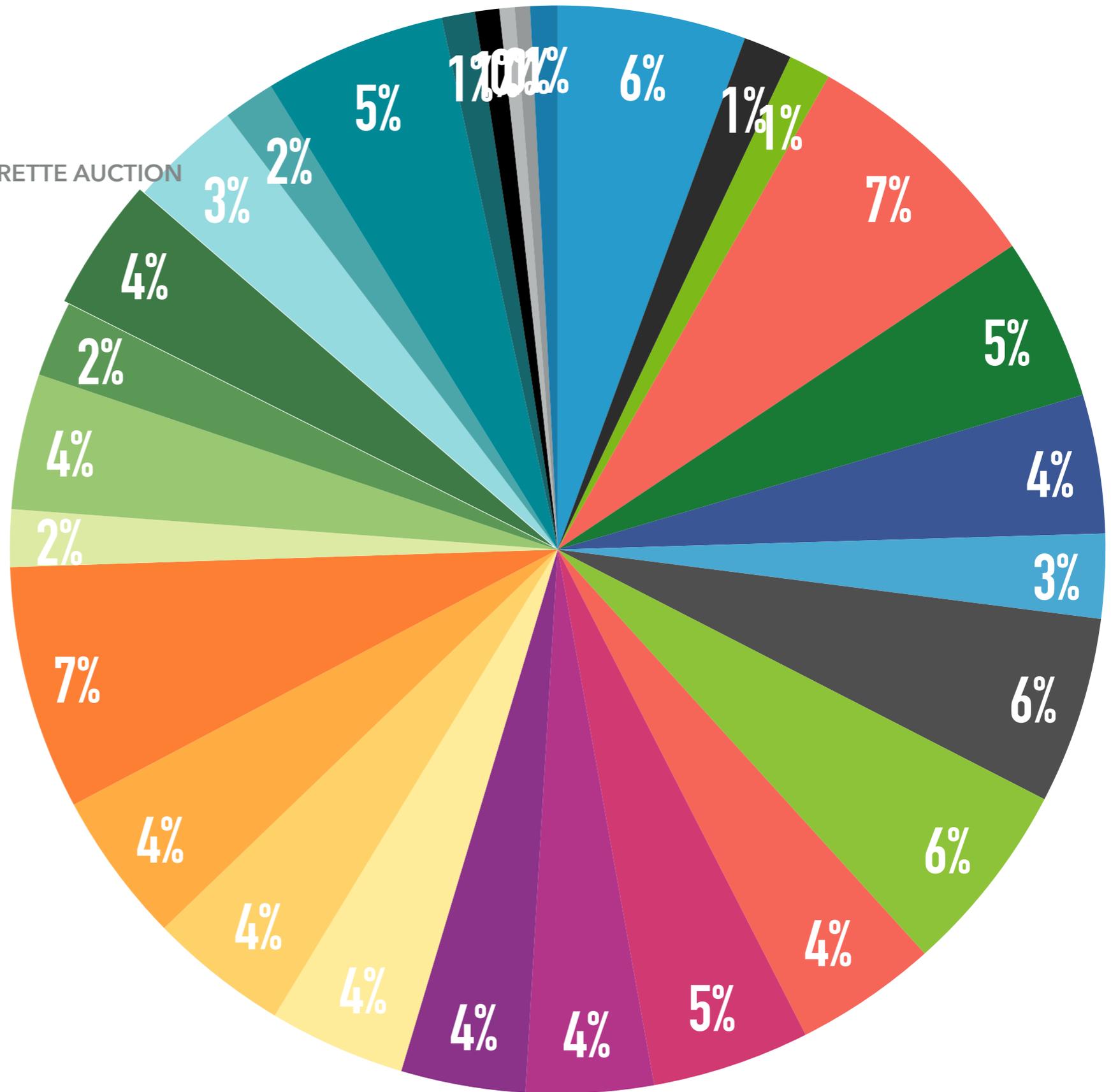
More people in finance, with one strictly responsible for informing students by posting detailed budgets and how the money is allocated online. This is done, but not well. I have been told it has been poorly done because of lack of time and man power and communication between members. SO ADD MORE PEOPLE. And hire a book keeper as in the rights within the constitution. I understand a book keeper was hired last year near the very end of the year (2015-16), but was barely used. I may be wrong, but feel that lack of man power is why certain financial mis-handlings were and are able to take place.

Public budget and spending to the students, audited regularly, and more than one individual on finance to make sure things are being spent where they need to be (an adult outside of SMCSU, like a finance advisor)

Send surveys and emails just like these one's to let the students decide what they want to spend money for. Students cannot possibly be expected to show up for all these meetings because we are students and we have conflicts due to our various schedules. Post notes on each meeting so that the students get a summary of what took place and what was being said.

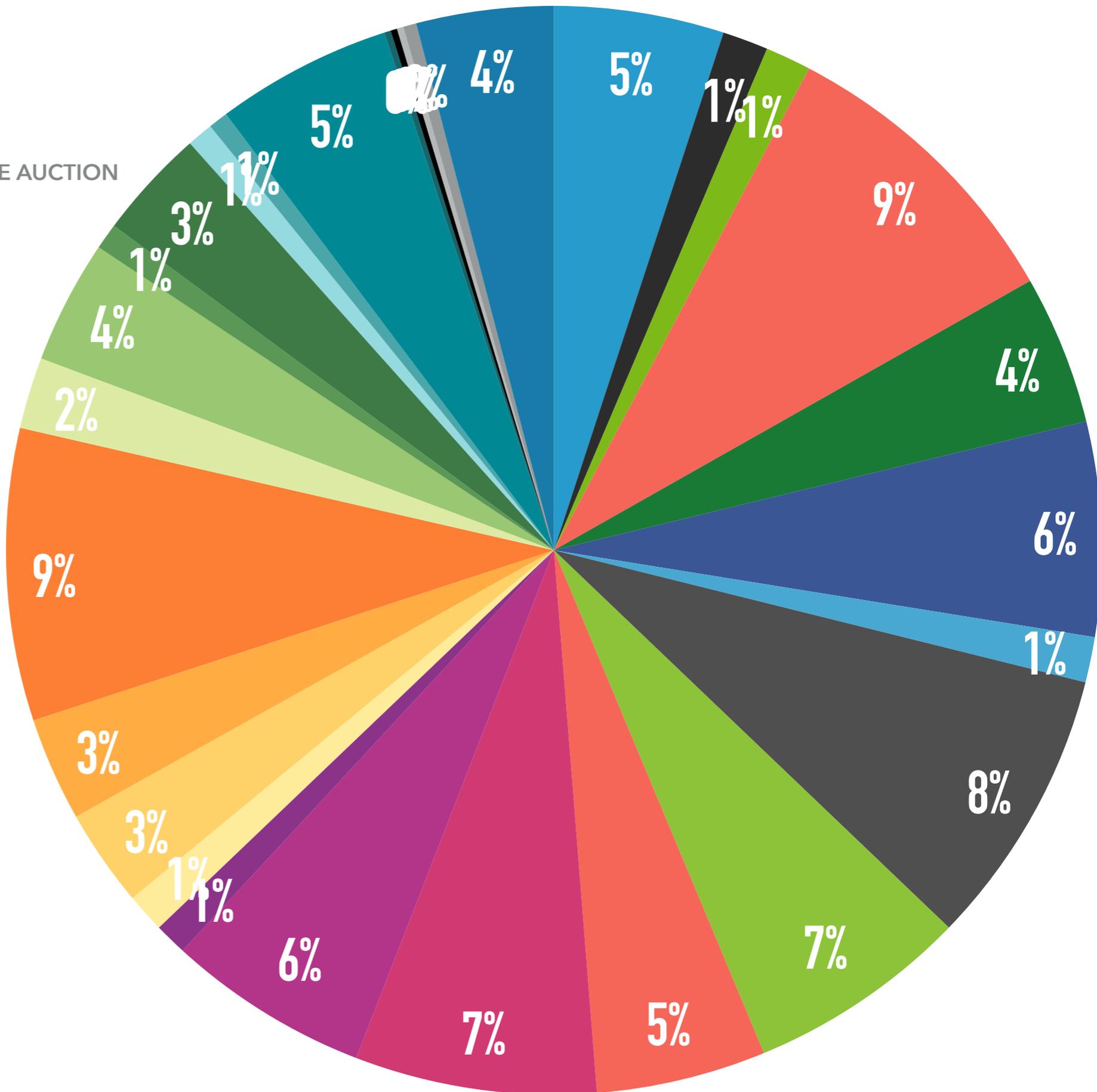
There should not be one financial commissioner - there should be another player in role so that they can keep each other inline. Furthermore, I think that nominees for financial commissioner should meet specific requirements.

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- ED/GOV SYMPOSIUMS
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- VALENTINES DAY BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE AUCTION
- CARNIVAL DAY/END OF THE YEAR BBQ
- CARDINALS DINNER
- CLUBS/VOLUNTEER FAIR
- PUB NIGHTS
- PATRICK'S DAY IN BRENNAN
- CHRISTMAS IN BRENNAN
- WELCOME BACK FALL BBQ
- FACULTY MEET AND GREET
- PUMPKIN PICKING
- SPORTING EVENTS
- COMMUTER FROSH
- KELLYS CORNER
- NOVEMBERFEST
- MOVEMBER LEG WAX
- BATTLE OF THE BANDS
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**Q19: SMSCU HAS ORGANIZED NUMEROUS EVENTS IN THE PAST.  
PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF.**

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**Q20: WHICH SMSCU EVENTS HAVE YOU ATTENDED (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY).**

# Q21: IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH PAST EVENTS ORGANIZED BY SMCSU, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE ACCURATELY/APPROPRIATELY CATERED TO THE INTERESTS OF ST. MIKE'S STUDENTS?

For the most part, the events' intentions have been pretty harmless. It's the execution that has been the problem.

In a way, yes. But many students don't feel welcome to these events. SMCSU should collaborate with outside clubs to extend their reach beyond their "Brennan Crowd", and do more engaging things, things that people feel proud to do- like charity, fundraising, sponsorship, medical awareness, poster making, etc.

If this survey is truly for us, students, I can assure you that a great majority of us did really really enjoy club nights. It is incredibly important to get together with our SMC friends, de-stress and go out dancing every now and then. Now, while I agree there are plenty of other ways to do it and not everyone will go to club nights, I must press the reality that the majority actually do go and want them!

In previous years, no. All they did were club nights, and the occasional events at Brennan lounge. This year, yes. It seemed like they tried to reinvent their events. Too bad they didn't get to do this for the entire year.

Moderately.

Not really, but I think that have put in a good amount of effort trying to see what the needs are. I think a major problem is that they only have promoted the parties as compared to other events.

There are a good variety of events but it seems as if only a few are actually publicized to a relative amount. Emails in advance would help raise awareness of events. Putting posters in Brennan is not a good way because not many people go to Brennan or even St. Mike's campus often because of crowded schedules.

To be honest, I have only been receiving advertisements for past events pertaining to club nights and pub nights. I rarely see a lot of "hype" or event notifications and posters on social media regarding other events. I would like to see more outreach by the Community Commissioner in regards to the publicizing of events that cater towards more students who do not identify with the club scene.

# Q22: What new events/initiatives would you like your student government to host?

Club Nights/Pub Nights

Formal Dance/Ball

Community building events with students and staff

Mixed socials for residents and commuter students

More off campus events

More sporting events

More events with Free food

More faculty & student engagement - Community involvement events that go toward your CCR.

An international picnic idea would be cool to incorporate visibility for other cultures within the college.

Community building events are always a good idea - anything that brings students together and supports them. I also think it's very important to have more community outreach/ service-type initiatives, in which the SMC community can give back.

More health and wellness events catered towards healthier lifestyles such as de-stressers, food and drink catered to students on the run.

Student Discount Day: brochures to local shops and restaurants.

Loaner Laptops: have laptops in the office to loan out for a T-card swap.

Resource Day: have a list posted online for students to see and then attend an event that gives them resources they are interested in (research, off-campus housing, exchange programs etc.)

Presidential updates: an online event, which the president and vice president post reports on what has happened in the last month, and what is happening in the upcoming month, and students can check off which they have heard of, and which events they're interested in.

# Q23:WHAT GENERAL SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE YOU?

Academic workshops

Mental Health workshops

Printing & Photo copying services

Intramurals

Socials

Networking events

Career networking

Better monitoring of intramurals.

Musical funding

Rooms for studying or practicing an instrument

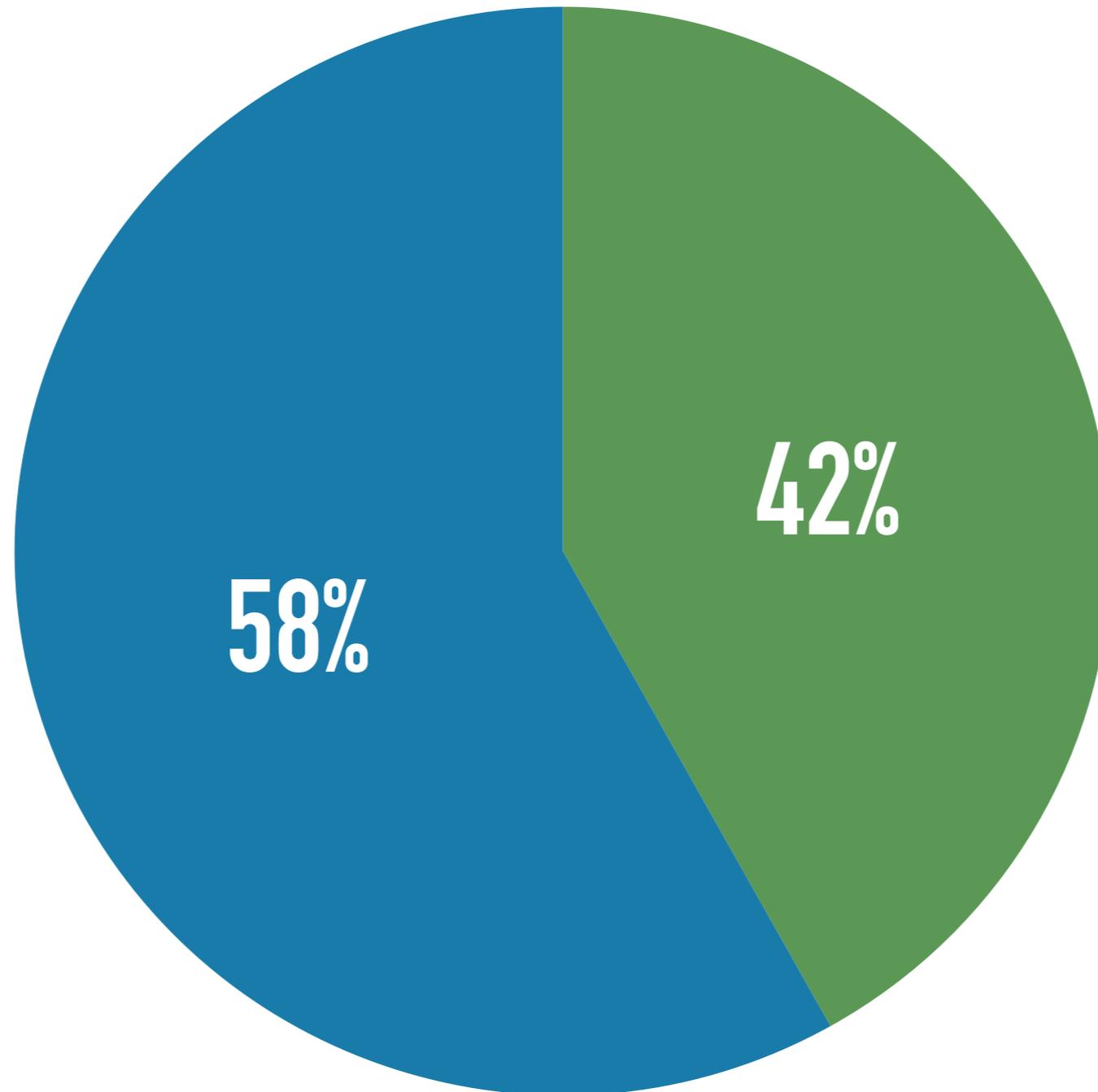
Volunteer opportunities

Essay help

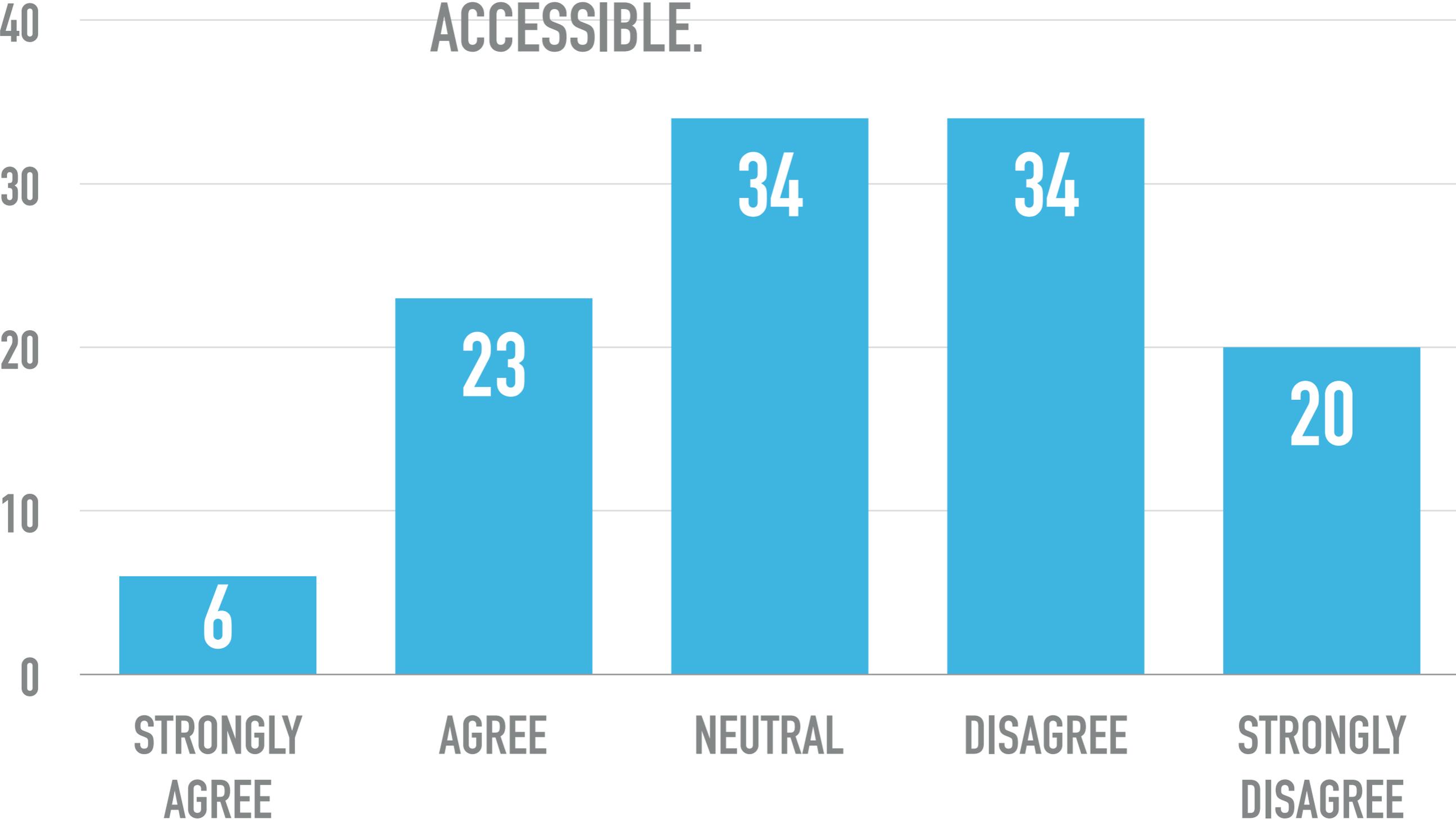
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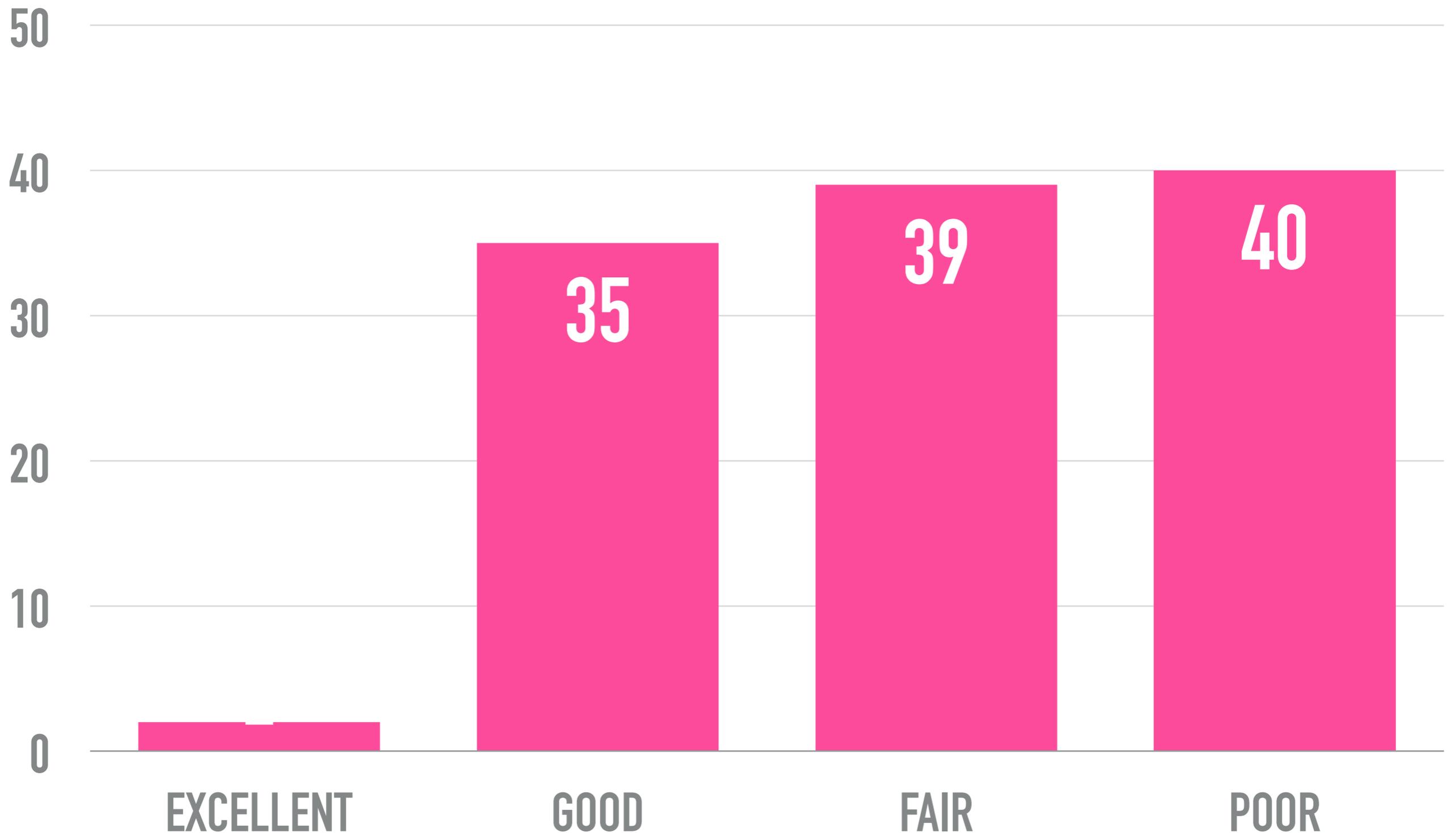
**Q24: THESE ARE THE CURRENT RESOURCES THAT YOU CAN ACCESS FROM SMCSU: PRINTING, INTRAMURAL SPORTS, FUNDING FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, WORKSHOPS (RESUMES, ETC). DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE RESOURCE?**

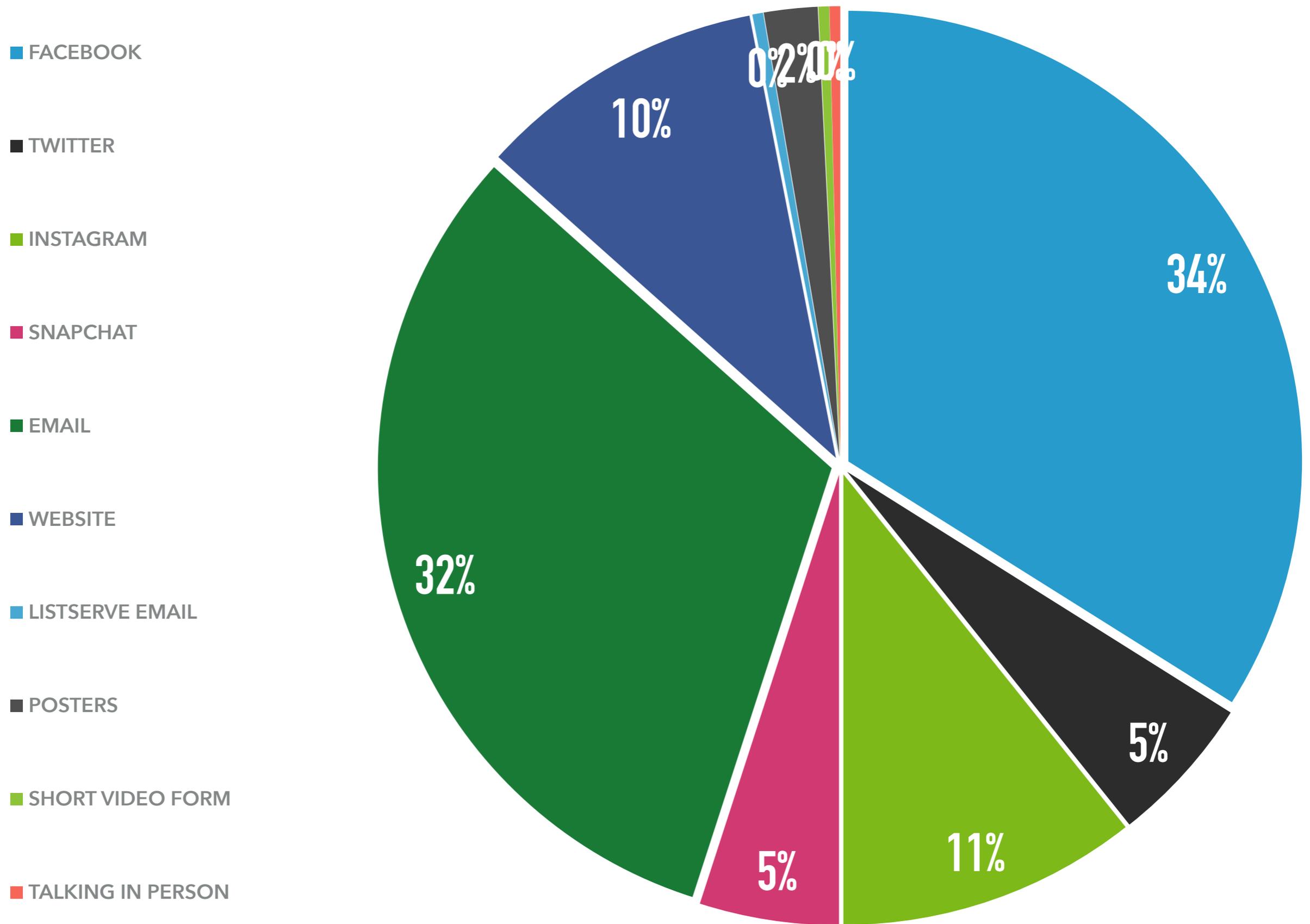


**Q25: PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: SMCSU RESOURCES ARE ACCESSIBLE.**



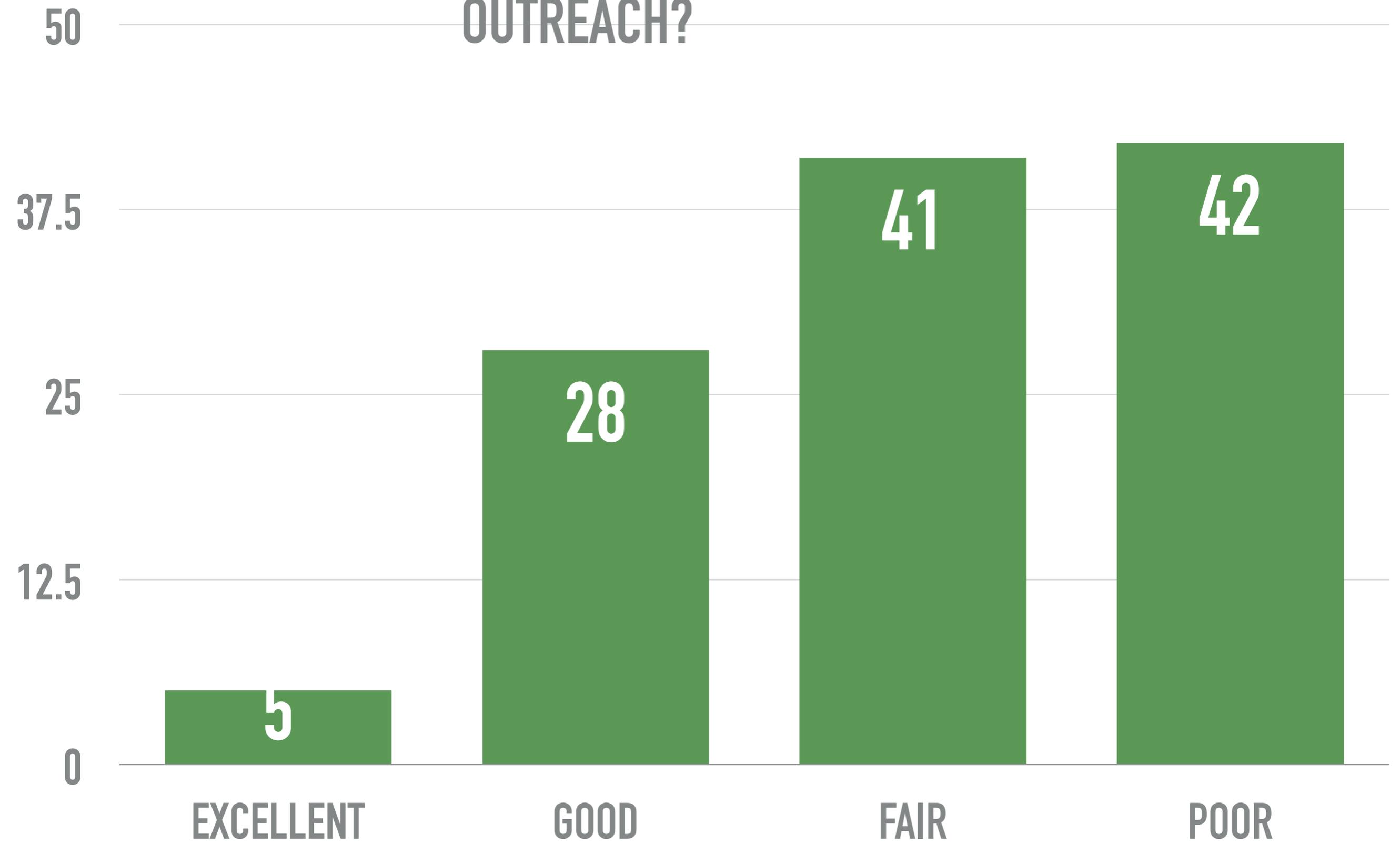
# Q26: HOW WOULD YOU RATE SMCSU'S COMMUNICATIONS?





**Q27: WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

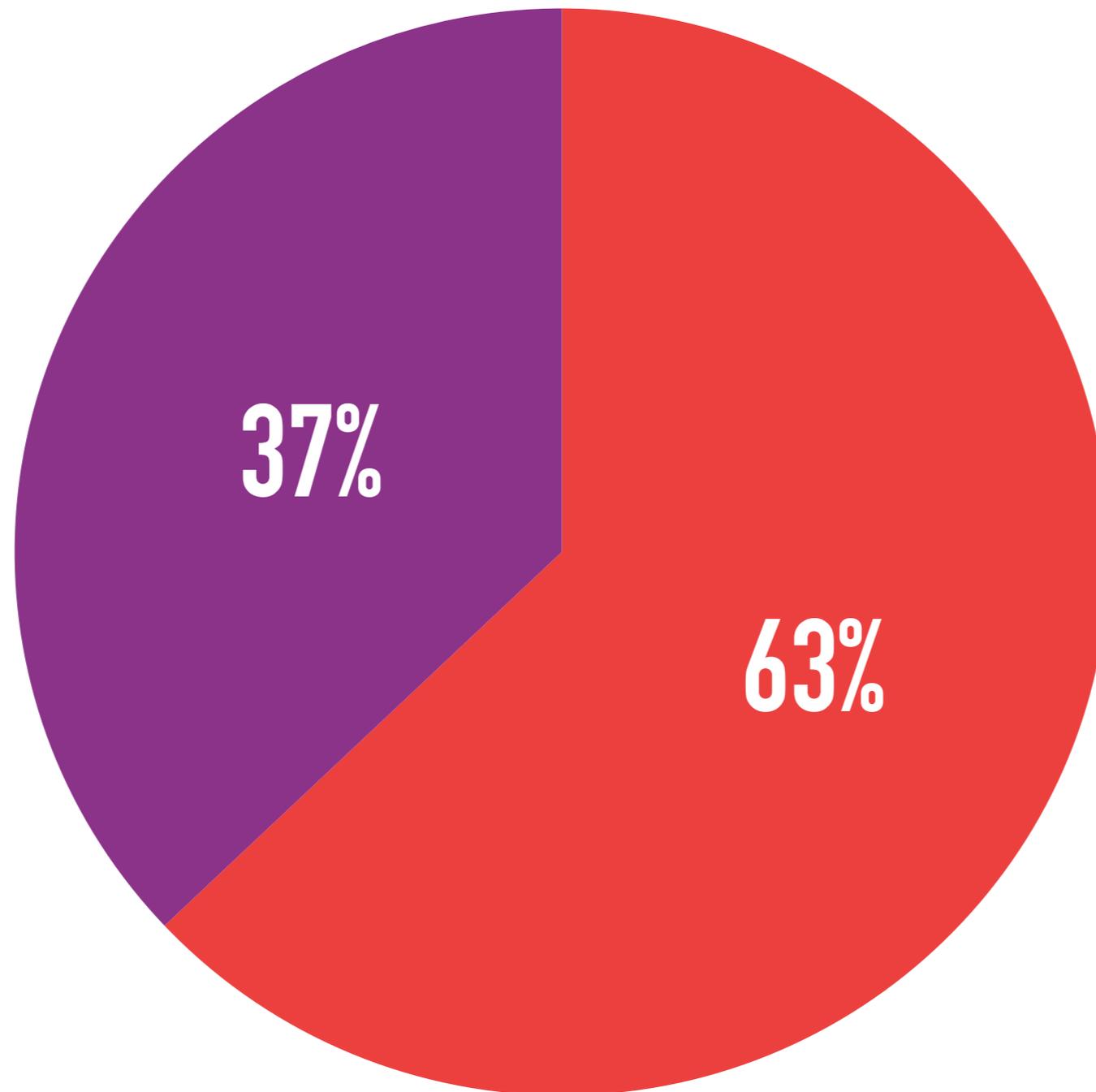
# Q28: HOW WOULD YOU RATE SMCSU COMMUNITY OUTREACH?



■ Yes

■ No

**Q29: HAVE YOU FELT DISENGAGED OR ACTIVELY NOT INCLUDED IN THE ST MIKES COMMUNITY?**



# Q30: HOW COULD WE MAKE YOU FEEL MORE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY?

Having Council members come up and introduce themselves to you.

Free food.

Keep us informed/engaged on what's happening on campus.

Create untitled volunteer positions for SMCSU events.

Host general student meetings.

Better promotion of workshops, events and services. Maybe a regular (weekly? bi-weekly?) event in the Kelly lounge, with small things like coffee or maybe board games available, simply where students could be provided with a space to meet each other?

Changing up the space in Brennan hall - it feels enclosed and is not inviting.

Brennan needs to be more welcoming. When there were the ping pong tables (or maybe they were pool, I don't remember), tons of kids were always in there and it was like a drop in play kind of environment, it was wonderful. Now that those are gone, there are just certain groups that hang out in the couches and it seems cliquey, and its awkward to go by Brennan. There needs to be activities offered to create a more welcoming space, like keeping those huge board games that were at the carnival or brining back pool/ping pong, or constantly playing music or the T.V.s. I also think not having that small cafe open anymore is a shame because that brought people to the lounge as well and now its a dead corner.

It's really hard to feel engaged when you're a commuter, but I also don't know how you could make it more engaging!

Reach across campus, invite non-SMC students to free events, it will be more welcoming

# Q31: HOW CAN STUDENT GOV'T REACH OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ST. MIKE'S COMMUNITY & FOSTER A MORE INCLUSIVE COLLEGE COMMUNITY?

Advertise events outside of Brennan Hall.

Be involved in events, mingle with the student body and listen to their ideas.

Better advertising, make resource availability clear.

Have an open meet and greet with the Council members.

Have a suggestion box.

I have heard from students that they feel they'd love to hear or see from St. Michael's something that recognizes their different culture or religion... for example sending best wishes to those who celebrate different religious holidays etc.

More feedback surveys, get students engaged. Please provide better lighting in buildings, they look very washed out and dull. This does not get anyone in the mood to participate in anything.

More frequently post on facebook (I rarely saw posts from SMSCU this last year), and I think they should have an email list with all students emails where they can mass send out emails about what events are coming up each week

SMCSU members should approach students on campus and ask them questions about what activities they would like to see SMCSU put on. If SMCSU members engage in conversations with students and begin remembering many of the students' names, that is a huge way of getting them involved.

Events during the weekends might work for students who miss out because of their lecture schedule.

SMC day meeting the members of council

## Q32: ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR SUGGESTIONS

I love SMCSU's events and ideas, I think that the council itself just needs to recognize that when they are part of SMCSU they need to act professionally and be a bit more warming to the people they don't know.

Overall, SMCSU has been a mess this year and last year and the year before that. But this is finally a chance to start fresh and SMCSU can be free from all the negativity from past years. I mentioned before about having SMCSU members not run in elections for a couple of years (at least 2 years) in order to re-jigg the system and I think that is the best option in order to achieve a SMCSU that can have new ideas, and cant be influenced by the past. SMCSU needs a fresh start and it has so much potential to be some thing truly positive for SMC and students. I am sorry for being negative but there have also been great SMCSU members that were kind and approachable. Those members should not be ignored or forgotten for their great work and dedication to the students. SMCSU has had positive wonderful people before and that gives hope to more wonderful people being a part of it.

While the organization has not been great, members have been fantastic and this needs to be distinguished. SMCSU needs a chance and it can and be something so great with the amazing people of the past being recognized and seeing that SMCSU as a whole can be great. I kinda see this as like the machine which gives a shock to a person to re-start the heart. I hope my input and thoughts about past and present will be like that... and re-start SMCSU. Thank you for listening to my thoughts and taking them into consideration.

I want to stress the importance of a STUDENT that is committed to making our SMC home a welcoming and inclusive space for people of ALL genders, sexualities, races, religions, and abilities. There should be no other agenda put forth other than one that strives for the well-being and celebration of our students.

Please send out more emails addressing surveys or feedback questionnaires about future events or initiatives that students may be interested in, then take those concerns and make them into real events. Then send out emails back to those students expressing that their ideas have been implemented and personally take the time to invite them out to these events. Facebook advertisement is biased. Not all SMC students are inside the SMCSU clique or friend group to be able to see these notifications. Listserv emails address EVERYONE in the community and are UNBIASED.

SMCSU clubs should be extended to promote "initiatives," for students who want to run a week long awareness campaign (sorta like autism awareness week). Short-term involvement would help to diversify student experience, yet still represents initiative.

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Suggestions in a summary: more openness, opportunities, variety, events, resources, and regular access to resources.

Victoria College has its own cafe, which I think is an incredible asset - it is run by students and provides an opportunity for socializing and engagement. I don't know whether this is possible at SMC, but something similar would be an excellent way to encourage interaction and community building.

With regards to the idea of changing the name of the SMCSU in light of recent (profound) embarrassments, I wanted to voice my very strong opposition. In order for the union to move forward in an effective way, past mistakes must be genuinely acknowledged and owned; changing the name in order to avoid associations with the past is obviously not in any way conducive to this. Furthermore, I think that the current name is crucial insofar as it contains the word "Union", and thus highlights a fully essential function of the organization which can often be obscured by other aspects.

Work closely alongside the admin/ faculty/ parish - it will only serve to strengthen the SMC community!

Many students were placed in SMC by default. Many of these students are not part of the Christian community and do not identify as Christian. If SMC wants to implement Christian ideals, it should become a private college - that way they can implement whatever they want without student opposition. Until then, SMC must listen to the students for their values and beliefs. University college promotes diversity, inclusion, and kindness - it's student body is much larger than ours yet everyone feels safe. Why is it that SMC students don't have that privilege? If a student or leader at FROSH does not want to attend Church service, this should not be met with any opposition, if the LGBTQ community does not feel safe or included - reach out and implement ways in which you can remedy that, if minorities of different religious groups or ethnic groups do not feel included, cater to them and make sure they are valued members of the community. If people want to drink responsibly, Christian ideals and values should not get in the way of that. If a Christian agenda conflicts with the voices of the students, let us leave the college we were placed into without choice.

It is great that SMCSU is not involved in frosh directly and that frosh works separately! If it was not the case, frosh would become something terrible too! Hopefully it remains that way!

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In my first year I came into SMC thinking it was great especially after frosh week. However, after frosh week I was greatly disappointed by the lack of engagement following frosh and the atmosphere in SMC. It has caused me as well as friends I know this year to stop coming to the college and reach out to other colleges which are far more inclusive (Innis, UC). I don't mean to say that we need to have the same energy of frosh every week because that is unrealistic but the union needs to showcase that spirit each day.

I worry that USMC members are bias, and positions are not given to the most worthy, deserving, capable people. Mental health is something that i have noticed as being a large problem at USMC. Nicole is swamped with requests, and has a 2-week long waitlist. We need better support, and we need to support students who apply for positions, but cannot mentally complete their responsibilities without feeling overwhelmed or anxious. I hope that all students are considered very seriously before given positions of power.

I think it would be a great idea for SMCSU to have more resources on the clubs available at the college. I really want to get involved in my school community, but I have absolutely no idea where to start.

Just please consider those who have difficulty speaking up for themselves and what they want to see materialize.

More communication and more mental health focus.

I do not think it should be mandatory to elect first years. I understand it is done to give them a fair chance. But I do not believe they understand university life or responsibilities and often just go along with what the older students say.

Let us begin anew. This is a low point, but with low points comes an opportunity to try again and build something beautiful.