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OBJECTIVES



Persistence Affective Learning Engagement Outcomes

SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

PosSE Survey

- Demographic data
- 20 types activities
- 4 levels of participation
- 6 affective engagement
- 30 learning outcomes
- 30 reasons to participate



SURVEY

N = 2032

28 institutions

TYPES OF OUT-OF-CLASS ACTIVITIES (OOCAs)

Curricular-related Co-curricular Extracurricular

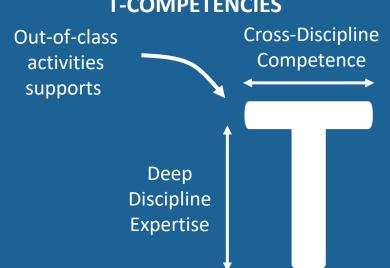
VALIDATED 6 AFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT Academic Major Discipline Satisfaction Belonging Affective Achievement Major **Valuing** Striving Engagement **Positive** Peer **Faculty** Interaction Relationship

OOCAS IS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY



Participants' perceived benefits of participating in OOCAs as they pertain to fun which is a missed opportunity to retain underrepresented groups in engineering

IMPLICATIONS TO DEVELOP T-COMPETENCIES





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POPULARITY AND INTENSITY OF ACTIVITIES



Sports



Living-Learning Community

STRUCTURAL BARRIERS: RACISM AND SEXISM



Explored the structural barriers - specifically racism and sexism and called for mitigating these barriers

STUDENTS SWITCH MAJORS TO ENGINEERING



Female are more likely to switch major to engineering than male



Males switched to engineering have higher Peer Interaction.

FOUND INCENTIVES AND BARRIERS TO OUT-OF-CLASS PARTICIPATION

Incentives



E.g. To fulfill personal interests; To gain experiences; To try something

Barriers

E.g. Lack of time; Cost; Lack of Knowledge; Lack of Motivation



PERSISTENCE WITH LEARNING OUTCOMES AND MOTIVATIONS OF PARTICIPATION



Students with high persistence accrued more learning outcomes and having more intrinsic motivation

Persistence

Eraternity and sorority (E2) practical

Fraternity and sorority membership as a major influencer for civil engineering students



(E2) practical ingenuity; (E3) creativity; (E4) communication; (E5) business and management; (E6) leadership; (E7) ethical standards; (E8) professionalism; (E9) dynamism, agility, resilience, and flexibility