Involvement in Student Organizations

- 70-80% of A&M undergraduate students are involved in student organizations at any given time (1, 2, 3, 4)
- A majority of A&M undergraduate students are involved with one to two student organizations (2, 3)
- 88% of respondents said they have been involved with a student organization at least once while attending A&M (3)
- Members spend 1.66 to 2.32 hours per week with organizational activities (6)
- Leaders spend 4.20 to 6.07 hours per week with organizational activities (6)

Leadership Positions in Student Organizations

- 47% said they held a leadership position at some point as an A&M student (1)

Types of Involvement

- 25% of respondents have been involved with a local community organization (3)
- 46% of respondents have been involved with a religious organization not affiliated with A&M (3)
- Of the respondents who were involved in student organizations, 23% were involved with academic organizations, 52% were involved with non-academic organizations, and 25% were involved in both types of organizations (5)
- Academic organizations tended to attract students with an orientation to future opportunities (career development, professional networking, resume development)
- Non-Academic organizations tended to attract students with an orientation to current opportunities (making friends, fulfilling personal interests, having something besides academic responsibilities)

Impact of Involvement

- 94% of respondents agreed that being involved with organizations will assist them in future career goals (3)
- Involved respondents were more likely to spend more time with volunteering activities (6)

Involvement and Academics

- 71% of involved respondents agreed that they would choose academic responsibilities over student organizations activities if there was a conflict (6)

Compared to respondents who were not involved in student organizations...

- Involved respondents were more likely to have a system for time management (49% versus 27%) (6)
- Involved respondents were more likely to have a plan for studying (48% versus 29%) (6)
- Involved respondents were less likely to turn in academic work that does not reflect their best effort (45% versus 61%) (6)

Sources:
1. Leadership Survey (Spring 2004; n=1,500; 19% response rate)
2. Student Involvement Survey—Part I (Fall 2002; n=1,273; 53% response rate)
3. Student Organization Involvement Survey (Spring 2005; n=2,569; 16% response rate)
4. Volunteer and Community Service Survey (Spring 2003; n=1,053; 60% response rate)
5. Academic versus Non-Academic Student Organizations (Spring 2006; n=554; 64% response rate)
6. Time Management Survey (Spring 2006; n=741; 67% response rate)

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