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The survey asked detailed questions of students on all of the campuses concerning recruiting, admissions, accounting, financial aid, tuition and fees, registration, scheduling, online planners and classes, instructors, bookstore, food service, school facilities, parking, library, and safety.

Unique learning experience
Developed by Professor Terrance Kiblowski, Technology Liaison Chair, this Data Research & Analysis survey is unique in the educational community. . . . Knowing that actual experience is so crucial to getting a good job in the Information Technology field, I felt that a project of this nature would bring immeasurable experience to the students, thus helping them to get a job right out of school and we need to improve," stated Professor Kiblowski. He continued, "I doubt if there is another university president in the country who would support such a type of project to be completed by a student team." This sentiment was echoed by one of the students this year when he said, "It impressed me how much President Sullivan is focused on the students... Students enjoyed the course
This is an intense course that requires an average of 158 hours outside the classroom. When asked if they felt the experience was worthwhile, most students over the years have had very positive comments: 

"I wouldn't have traded this experience for anything. It gave me a good look at what project management is all about.

"I feel more confident about myself and my abilities to grow mentally, spiritually, and physically in my career path."

Experiencing the world through International Cuisine

Instructor Quentin Moser tells us that they will give a toast every Thursday for the next nine weeks the collective groan can be heard well beyond the walls of room 222. This is soon followed by an even greater vocal expression of dismay when Mr. Moser proceeds to challenge them to rhyme those toasts! Toasting is a dying art form which, not too many generations ago, was quite common to almost every level of society. When a family’s social interaction was not controlled by shopping malls, year-round sporting commitments, the internet and access to instant media entertainment options – one usually spent at least one or several nights a week visiting neighbors and friends. These visits were usually based around a meal – at some point it was the responsibility of a good guest to offer a toast in thanks for the occasion. This toast often mentioned the host and/or hostess, the meal, and the event that inspired the gathering (birthday, anniversary or some other celebration). Today formal toasting is almost strictly limited to a very few occasions – groomsmen’s toasts and formal dining events in the military. Over the course of the class, students toast athletes and sporting events, movies and all the actors and actresses that star in them, holidays or seasons, schools attended and the classmates they have enjoyed (or not). At the end of the quarter we have a “freebie” choice week – you hear about ex-boyfriends, or husbands, new friends, new jobs, graduation, finally arriving, teachers enjoyed (or not), Santa, rolling backdrops, and a myriad of other topics,” said Moser. "I once tried to cancel the last day of toasts due to time restraints - it was as close to a revolt as I’ve seen in a classroom!"

Instructor Quentin Moser, with his students.

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