Of the 463 seniors who completed the Senior Survey, fourteen percent indicated they were ethnic minorities. While that includes only sixty-three seniors, I believe there are enough students in the African American, Hispanic and Asian grouping to get at least a flavor of their experience at Creighton compared to their Caucasian peers. The highest and lowest percentage response to each statement are designated by arrows.

Experience with Faculty
The data below indicate that these four groups had mixed reactions to their experience with Creighton faculty. While the numbers are too small to apply statistical tests, African-American seniors were much more dissatisfied with the ethnic/racial diversity of the faculty and the ability to see faculty outside office hours than the other groups. On the other hand, African American seniors were much more positive regarding faculty assistance in achieving their professional goals than the other groups. The thirty-seven Asian students was were much more dissatisfied than the other groups with their perceived lack of success getting to know faculty, and feeling that faculty did not treat them as a colleague, did not help them to achieve their professional goals or get advice about their academic program less often than the other groups. Hispanic students were much more pleased with being able to see faculty outside regular office hours than any other group.

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Satisfied/very satisfied with overall quality of instruction
- White: 93% ▲
- Black: 75% ▼
- Asian: 84% 100% ▲
- Hispanic: 10% ▼

Satisfied/very satisfied with ability to find a faculty or staff mentor
- White: 77% ▲
- Black: 64% ▼
- Asian: 69% 89% ▲
- Hispanic: 37% ▼

Satisfied/very satisfied with amount of contact with faculty
- White: 93% ▲
- Black: 83% ▼
- Asian: 89% 100% ▲
- Hispanic: 10% ▼

Very successful getting to know faculty
- White: 52% ▲
- Black: 58% ▼
- Asian: 35% ▼
- Hispanic: 50% ▲

Very successful understanding what your professors expect of you academically
- White: 71% ▲
- Black: 75% ▼
- Asian: 49% ▼
- Hispanic: 50% ▲

Very successful adjusting to the academic demands of college
- White: 72% ▲
- Black: 83% ▼
- Asian: 57% ▼
- Hispanic: 50% ▲

Faculty frequently treated you like a colleague/peer
- White: 67% ▲
- Black: 58% ▼
- Asian: 46% ▼
- Hispanic: 70% ▲

Faculty frequently helped you in achieving your professional goals
- White: 40% ▲
- Black: 67% ▼
- Asian: 24% ▼
- Hispanic: 50% ▲

Faculty frequently took a personal interest in your progress
- White: 60% ▲
- Black: 55% ▼
- Asian: 42% ▼
- Hispanic: 40% ▲

Faculty frequently gave advice & guidance about your educational program
- White: 36% ▲
- Black: 56% ▼
- Asian: 19% ▼
- Hispanic: 50% ▲

Agree strongly/somewhat it’s easy to see faculty outside regular office hours
- White: 84% ▲
- Black: 45% ▼
- Asian: 72% ▼
- Hispanic: 100% ▲

Experience with Other Students
The data below indicate that the positive response of African-American seniors was a minimum of five and a maximum of forty percentage points below the other ethnic groups.

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Satisfied/very satisfied with interaction with other students
- White: 95% ▲
- Black: 67% ▼
- Asian: 95% 100% ▲

Satisfied/very satisfied with overall sense of community among students
- White: 85% ▲
- Black: 58% ▼
- Asian: 78% ▼
- Hispanic: 70% ▲

Satisfied/very satisfied with ethnic/racial diversity of students
- White: 50% ▲
- Black: 0% ▼
- Asian: 58% ▼
- Hispanic: 30% ▲

Satisfied/very satisfied with overall college experience
- White: 94% ▲
- Black: 58% ▼
- Asian: 84% ▼
- Hispanic: 100% ▲

Satisfied/very satisfied with institutional support of racial/cultural differences
- White: 67% ▲
- Black: 27% ▼
- Asian: 58% ▼
- Hispanic: 70% ▲

Very successful developing close friendships with other students
- White: 70% ▲
- Black: 42% ▼
- Asian: 51% ▼
- Hispanic: 60% ▲

Since entering CU, never felt harassed because of your ethnic background
- White: 95% ▲
- Black: 27% ▼
- Asian: 67% ▼
- Hispanic: 90% ▲

Agree strongly/somewhat there is a lot of racial tension on this campus
- White: 12% ▼
- Black: 27% ▲
- Asian: 22% ▼
- Hispanic: 20% ▲

Racial & ethnic diversity should be more strongly reflected in the curriculum
- White: 59% ▼
- Black: 91% ▲
- Asian: 64% ▼
- Hispanic: 70% ▲

These data strongly imply that the experience with both faculty and other students of these African American seniors was less positive than the experience of other students. These data also suggest that Asian students may be desiring more attention from faculty then they are receiving.

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Eighty-three percent of the seniors who participated in the College Student Survey (385) had also participated in the CIRP Freshman Survey and could be matched by social security number, thereby allowing us to see change in attitudes and values from freshman to senior year. The data show that, as a group, higher percentages of these students valued “Promoting Racial Understanding” and “Influencing Social Values” as seniors than as freshmen. However, the various academic divisions may wish to review additional strategies that would promote student appreciation of these values.

Helping to Promote Racial Understanding
Overall, almost 30% of these 385 students reported that helping to promote racial understanding was “essential” or “very important” as freshmen. By senior year, the percentage endorsing this value had risen to almost forty-two percent. However, only sharing overall percentages with the reader can be very misleading, as the information listed below by sex and academic division indicates.

Overall, a higher percentage of men than women endorsed this value upon entering Creighton, but by graduation the situation was reversed and a higher percentage of women than men felt helping to promote racial understanding was essential/very important. However, note that upon graduation, the only female grouping to outscore men in the humanities and men in the social sciences were the women in the social sciences.

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Influencing Social Values
Overall, thirty-seven percent of the 376 respondents reported that influencing social values was “essential” or “very important” as freshmen. By senior year, the percentage endorsing this value had risen to almost forty-eight percent.

Except for men in Business, higher percentages of students rated influencing social values essential/very important as seniors than as freshmen. The gap between the highest and lowest percentages of men endorsing this value as freshmen more than doubled by senior year (freshmen men in Humanities minus freshmen men in COBA = 21.5 compared to senior men in Humanities minus senior men in COBA = 48.9 ). The gap between the highest and lowest percentages of women endorsing this value as freshmen dropped by six percentage points by senior year (females men in Social Sciences minus freshman women in Biological Sciences = 36.2 compared to senior women in Social Sciences minus senior women in Biological Sciences = 30.8 ).