



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

UAN Meeting - September 2022



**New Student Orientation**  
University of South Carolina



# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

- 23 Sessions Total
  - 2 Summer Sessions
  - 14 Freshman Sessions
  - 5 Transfer Sessions
  - 2 August Sessions
- 14,168 Total Attendance
  - Students:
    - 6,751 freshmen students
    - 1,246 transfer students
  - Families/Supporters:
    - 5,470 freshmen guests
    - 701 transfer guests





# SUCCESSSES

- Return to fully in-person Orientation sessions
- Excitement and confidence in attending UofSC
- Connections with Orientation Leaders and other students
- Knowledge of academic and university requirements
- Academic advising and course registration
- Feeling a connection to campus and wayfinding





# OPPORTUNITIES

- Food offerings
- Evening activities (location, length of time, variety)
- Enhanced social media engagement
- More customized experiences
- Increased onboarding prior to the orientation session
- Academic processes (RAC, major change, no shows)
- Greater opportunities for student perspective



“The OLs were incredibly helpful, very fun to talk to, and hang out with. They gave really good advice and were honest in their answers. Good communication, incredibly entertaining!”



“Thank you guys for making USC feel like home! I had a genuinely good time and am looking forward to the fall. I feel more prepared and more confident heading into college. I’m never going to forget this experience.”

“My advisor was very kind and understanding, and she was very patient when explaining things to me, even if some of my questions were a bit dumb. She didn’t make me feel stupid for asking and answered all of my questions enthusiastically. I was also impressed by the amount of work she did to help me figure out my courses.”





# LOOKING AHEAD



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# JANUARY ORIENTATION

- Dates
  - January 5<sup>th</sup>
  - January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Registration Launch – November 14<sup>th</sup>
- College Capacities
- Schedule Overview





# SUMMER ORIENTATION

- Schedule will be similar, with enhancements
- Dates will be announced in November
- Finalized schedule will be released by February
- Will likely offer more sessions due to increased class size



# ONSO UPDATES

- ONSO welcomed Kayley Safley to our team in August.
- OL Applications open October 3<sup>rd</sup>—please nominate students and encourage them to apply!
- Currently hiring for the two remaining positions within ONSO
  - Office Manager
  - Assistant Director for Logistics





# QUESTIONS?

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# UofSC New Student Orientation Advising

Summer 2022

# Pre-Orientation Worksheet

- 6,764 forms submitted by incoming students before their advising session during orientation
- ~44% of those students are interested in graduating early (Freshman & Transfer students)\*
- ~2,500 First-Year Students are interested in graduating early – across 80 majors

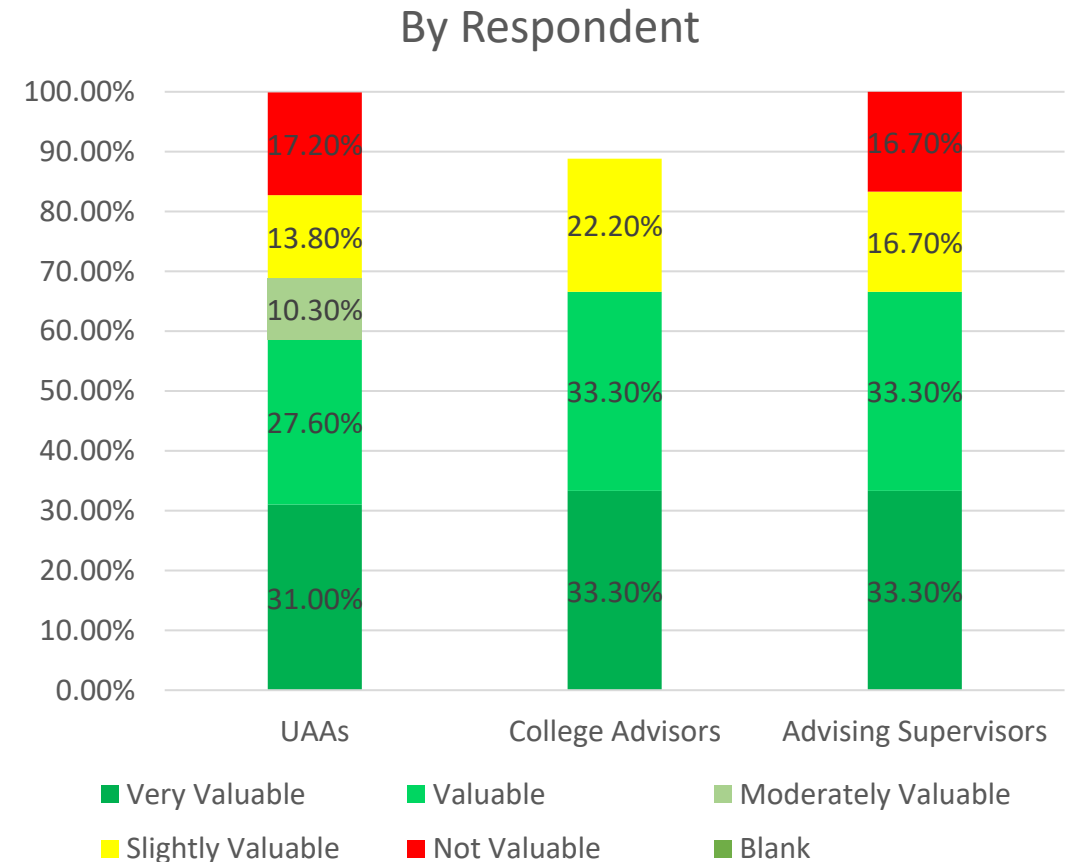
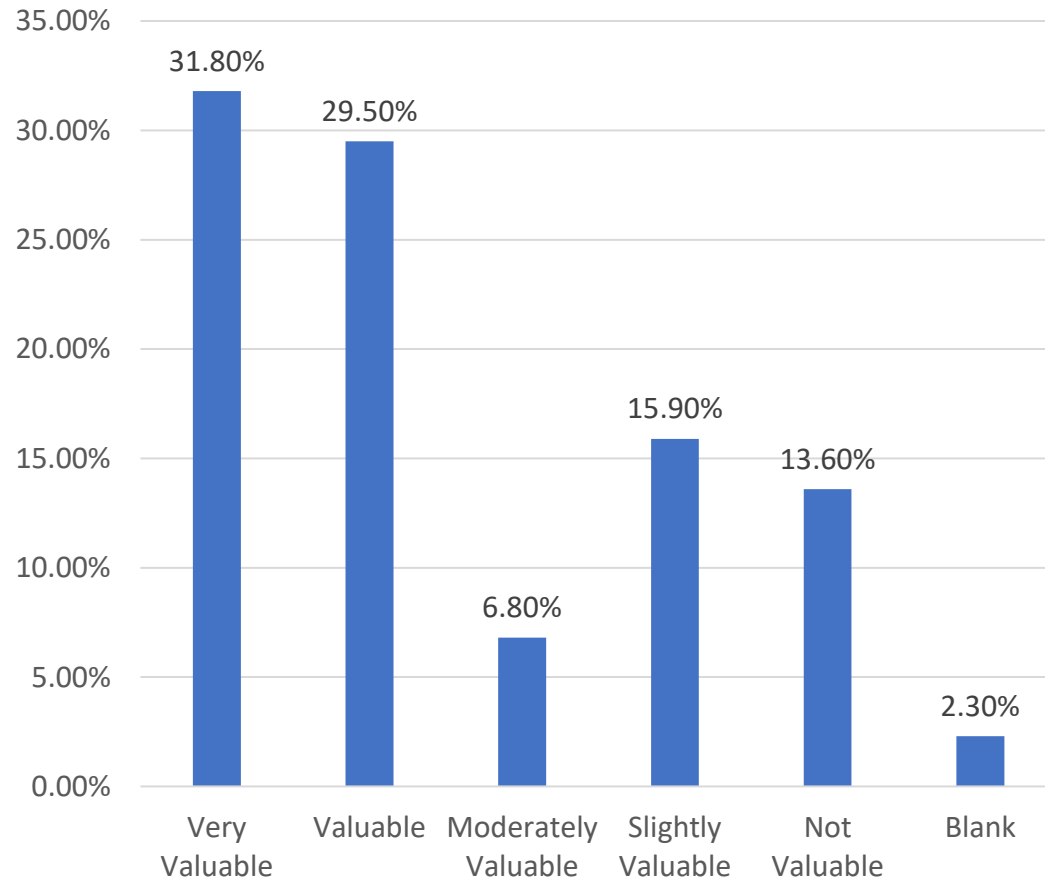
Major at NSO	Students Interested in Graduating Early
Biological Sciences	227
Nursing	189
Psychology	151
Exercise Science	138
Finance	128
International Business	109
Pre-Business	89
Public Health	83
Computer Science	78
Political Science & Marketing	76



	FTIC #	FTIC %	Transfer#	Transfer%
0 (registered then dropped)	3	0.05%	5	0.43%
1-11 hours	8	0.12%	42	3.60%
12-15 hours	3,393	52.22%	691	59.16%
16-18 hours	3,075	47.33%	428	36.64%
19+ hours	18	0.28%	2	0.17%

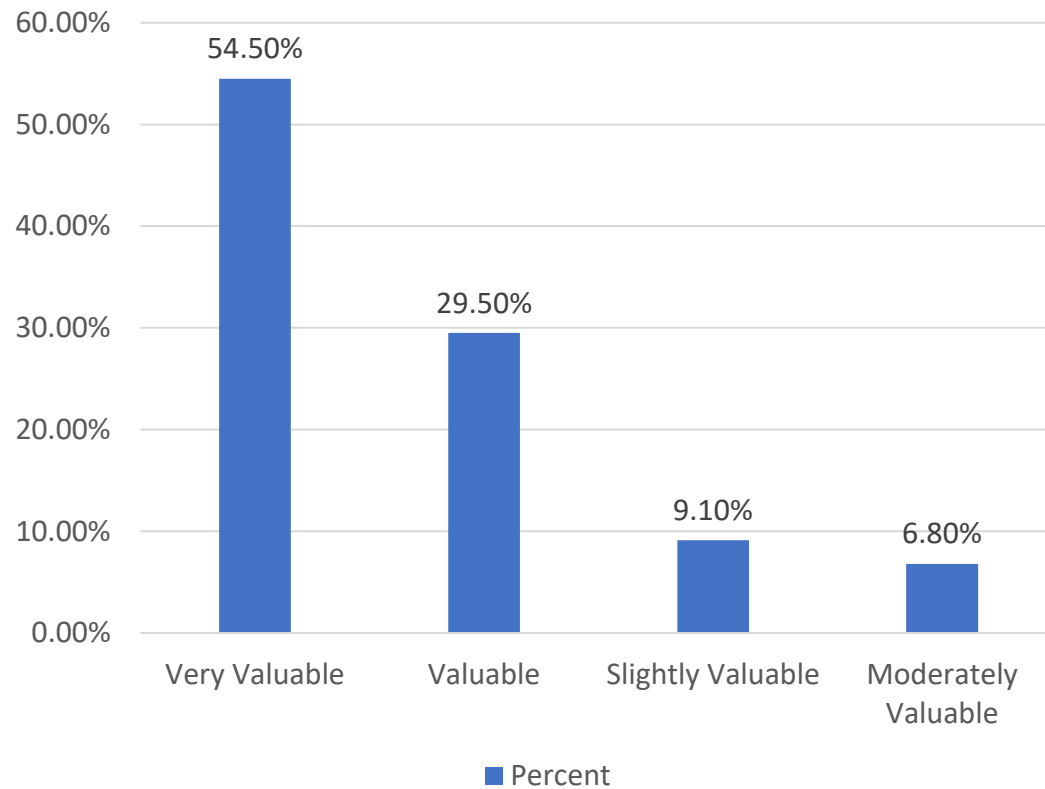
# Orientation Advisor Survey - 2022

# During New Student Orientation, how valuable is it for advisors to have individual 1:1 meetings/time with First-Year Students?

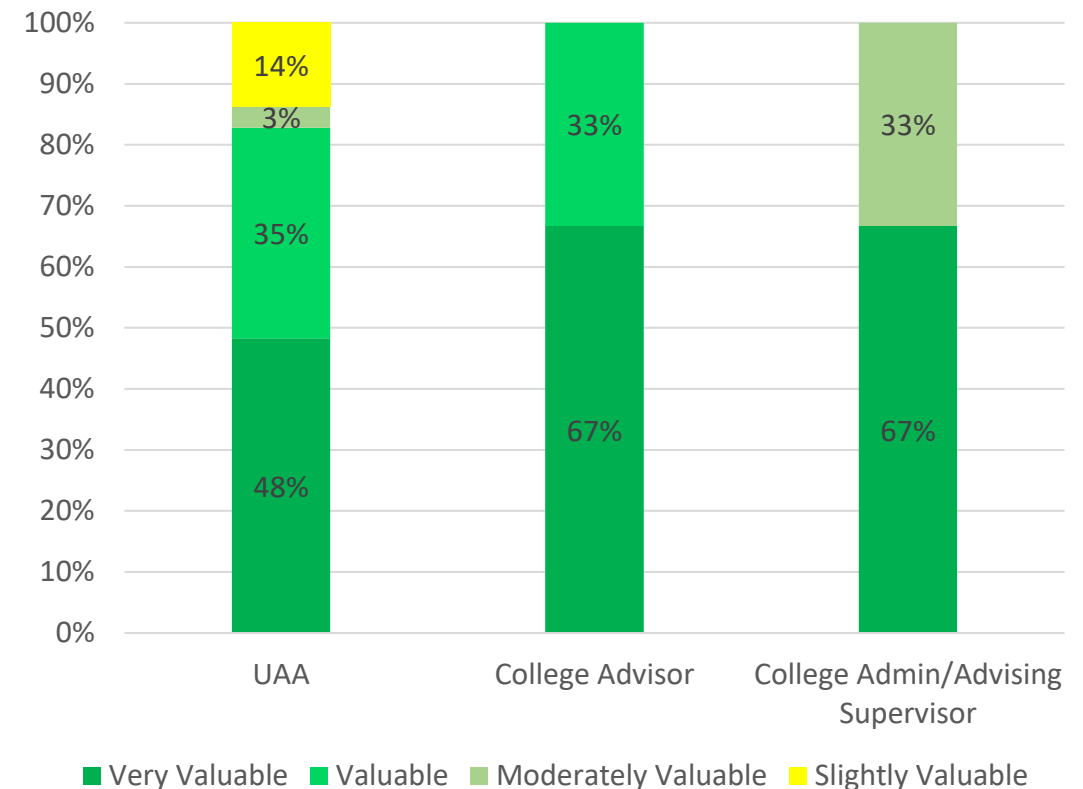


# During New Student Orientation, how valuable is it for advisors to have individual 1:1 meetings/time with Transfer Students?

Percent



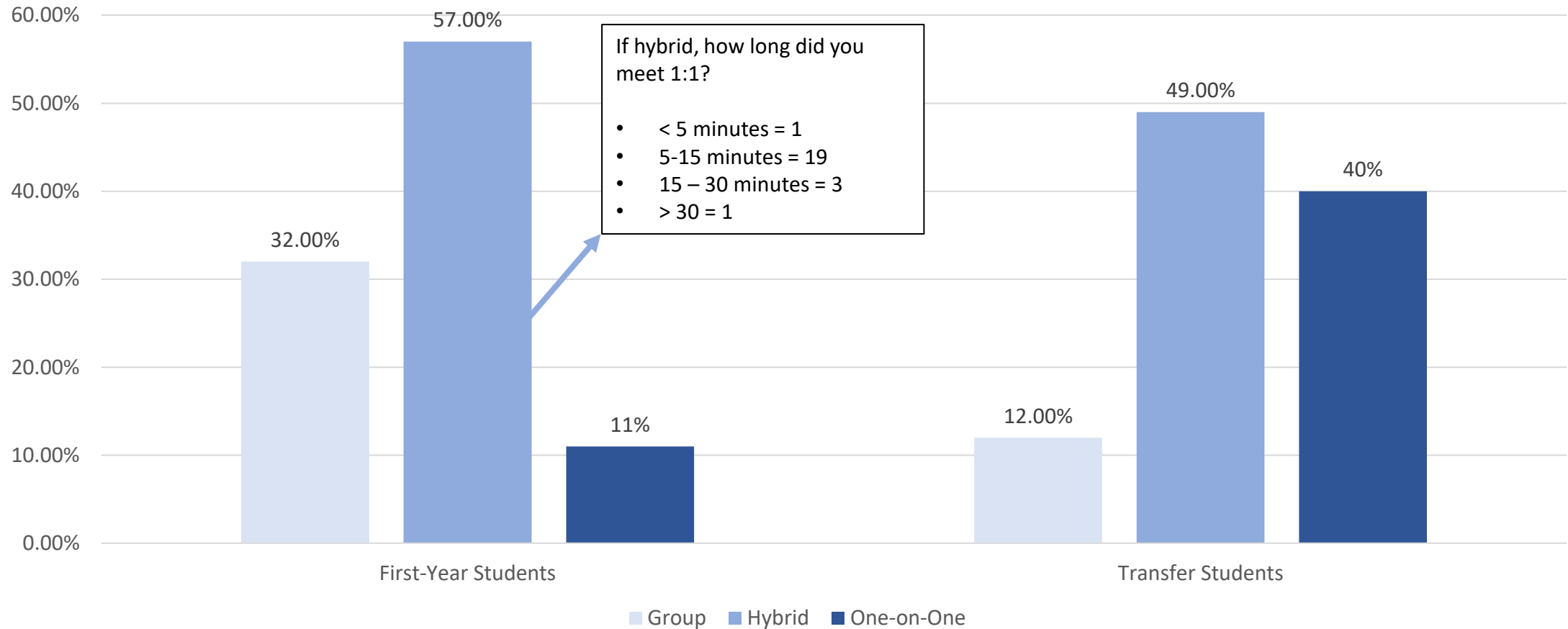
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# How were students advised this summer?



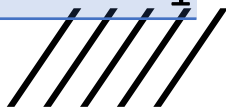


# What changes would you recommend for the Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet to improve its value for advisors?

## Updates/Ideas in the works:

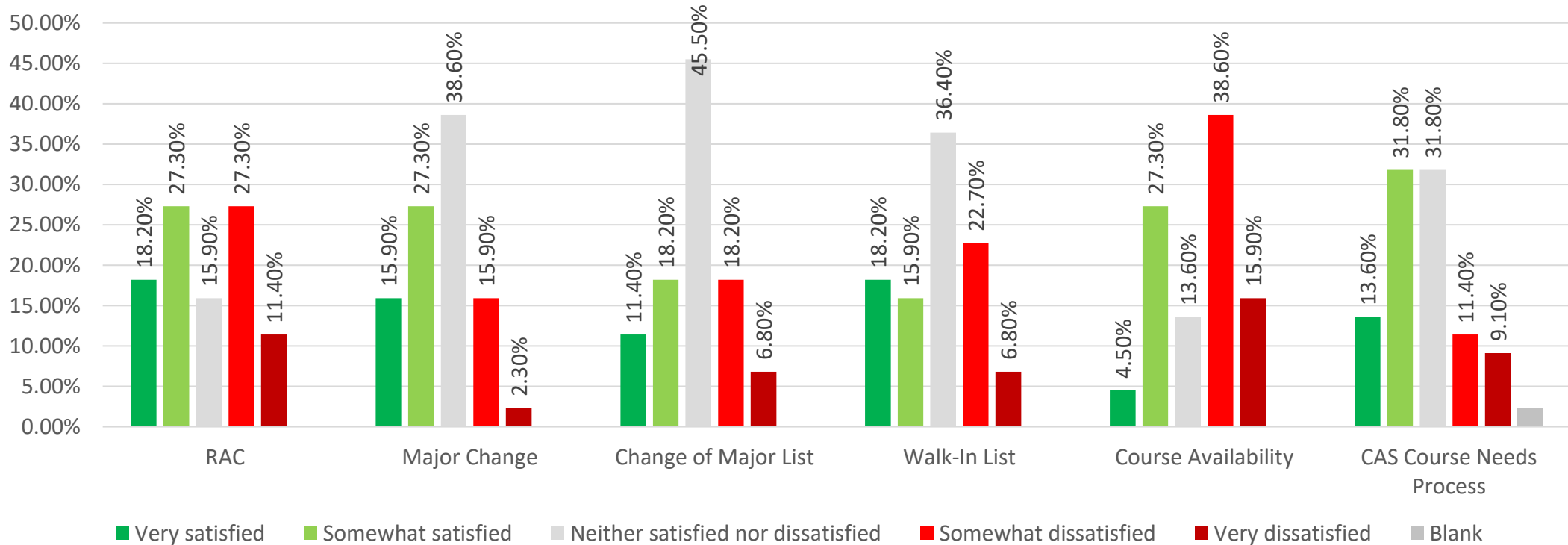
- Separate POAWs for FTIC and Transfer Students
- Refine language around pre-enrollment credits
- MAP and FPLT Test Scores – Banner Feed
- Honors Identifier – Banner Feed
- Open a question if major commitment is <5.
  - Because you've identified your commitment to your major as less than 5, please share your other interests here.
- QR Code added to Day 1 Presentations

Theme	Responses
Make it a requirement for orientation	12
The check box "Sent Coursework" but not listing - making one required with the other	5
More clarity on the form about anticipated credits/including ALL credits/language about credits	4
Market more to transfers	1
They are rarely fully completed	1
Career goal question	1
Question about summer courses	1





# How satisfied are you with the following resources and processes at orientation related to advising and registration?



# How important is it for Academic Advisors in the degree-granting colleges to have time with Honors Students at New Student Orientation?

