

Appendix A: 2013 Common Time survey responses

Q1. Please indicate the extent to which you participated in the Common Time activities in the first six weeks of the semester.							
	Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Always (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	14	14	27	55	4.2
%	0	0	25	25	48	98	
Q2. During the first six weeks of Common Time the information I received about my degree program was sufficient.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	2	6	31	17	56	4.1
%	0	4	11	55	30	100	
Q3. Common Time experiences developed my awareness of key staff associated with my degree program.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	1	1	4	23	27	56	4.3
%	2	2	7	41	48	100	
Q4. Through my experience of Common Time I was introduced to a range of services offered by the university (e.g. computing and technology services, library services etc.).							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	3	28	25	56	4.4
%	0	0	5	50	45	100	
Q5. During Common Time expectations of teaching staff regarding my academic responsibilities in my degree program were made clear.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	6	32	18	56	4.2
%	0	0	11	57	32	100	
Q6. The activities during the first six weeks of Common Time prepared me well for my first semester of study.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	1	16	26	11	54	3.9
%	0	2	28	46	20	96	
Q7. Common Time provided a forum for students to establish a clear understanding of their study pathway relating to their degree program.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	1	3	9	25	18	56	4.0
%	2	5	16	45	32	100	
Q8. Overall, the Common Time sessions were well organised and provided a structure conducive to my learning needs.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	2	8	33	13	56	4.0
%	0	4	14	59	23	100	
Q9. Common Time provided opportunity for me to interact with staff in my degree program.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	1	3	9	27	15	55	3.9
%	2	5	16	48	27	98	
Q10. Common Time provided an opportunity where students could express their opinions or concerns to staff in a supportive environment.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	9	24	21	54	4.2
%	0	0	16	43	37	97	
Q11. During Common Time staff seemed to be committed in their support for students.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	4	25	27	56	4.4
%	0	0	7	45	48	100	
Q12. Common Time staff actively checked that students understood staff/university expectations.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	1	2	32	16	51	4.2
%	0	2	4	57	29	92	
Q13. Common Time provided a forum for staff to outline their expectations of students.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	1	8	31	16	56	4.1
%	0	2	14	55	29	100	

Q14. Overall, the interaction with staff during Common Time was positive.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	6	27	23	56	4.3
%	0	0	11	48	41	100	
Q15. Common Time provided opportunity for me to interact with students in my degree program.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	2	22	19	13	56	3.8
%	0	4	39	34	23	100	
Q16. Common Time has assisted in helping me to build meaningful networks with other students in my program of study.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	6	22	21	7	56	3.5
%	0	11	39	37	13	100	
Q17. Common Time has assisted in helping me to feel a part of the University culture.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	5	10	32	9	56	3.8
%	0	9	18	57	16	100	
Q18. I have found the first six weeks of the Common Time program has stimulated my thinking and enhanced my learning.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	2	7	34	13	56	4.0
%	0	4	13	61	23	100	
Q19. Common Time has assisted in giving me greater confidence in achieving better results in the first semester of my program of study.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	2	13	28	13	56	3.9
%	0	4	23	50	23	100	
Q20. Common Time has assisted in alleviating some of the initial concerns I held about my first semester of study at University.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	2	9	30	15	56	4.0
%	0	4	16	53	27	100	
Q21. Common Time has assisted in giving me a clearer sense of why I am attending university.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	2	2	16	26	9	55	3.7
%	4	4	29	46	16	99	
Q22. At this point in time I am finding Common Time to be a valuable resource that assists me with my study program.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	0	10	30	16	56	4.1
%	0	0	18	53	29	100	
Q23. I would recommend to next year's first year students that they participate in Common Time.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	0	1	3	20	32	56	4.5
%	0	2	5	36	57	100	
Q24. Overall, I have been very happy with the Common Time experience as a means of assisting me in my transition into university.							
	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Sometimes (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Total	Mean
No.	1	1	4	30	20	56	4.2
%	2	2	7	53	36	100	