Plenary Survey Results

Plenary Committee 2012 - 2013
Survey Statistics

Class Year

- 2015 [56]
- 2016 [31]
- 2014 [35]
- 2013 [63]

Did you come to the 2013 spring plenary last weekend?

- Yes [133] 72%
- No [52] 28%

Did you stay till the end?

- Yes - 121 - 91%
- No - 12 - 9%
Survey Statistics (cont.)

If we changed the start time of plenary, what time would work best for you? Check all that apply.

- 11:30 AM: 75 (20%)
- 12:30 PM: 114 (30%)
- 1:30 PM: 82 (22%)
- 7:30 PM: 66 (17%)
- earlier than 11:30 AM: 18 (5%)
- later than 7:30 PM: 20 (5%)
- Other: 6 (2%)

Please tell us why you came.

- The resolutions were interesting: 28 (7%)
- Felt it was your civic duty: 116 (29%)
- Like going to plenary: 37 (9%)
- Friends were going: 59 (15%)
- The raffles: 44 (11%)
- Self-governance is important: 92 (23%)
- Other: 20 (5%)

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Tell us why you chose not to come (check all). Please tell us what would have made you come.

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not interested in the resolutions  20  22%
work (paid shifts)               9   10%
school work                     19  21%
sports                          3   3%
not interested in self-governance 7   8%
Other                           33  36%
"Please tell us what would have made you come?" (Continued)

- resolutions people cared about, resolutions that couldn't be overturned, not enough follow-through, not enough education about resolutions
- modernized (i.e. skype) b/c it's outdated
- too much peer pressure to go, too aggressive
- too loud to do work
- we've already missed so much during hell week
- later in the day or on Saturday
- use a less formal, more comfortable space
- have a quiet room separate from plenary for people to do work and once quorum is reached they join the rest of the group
- food
- campus-wide emails (with pledges)
- time limit
- cool entertainment (a band, comedy act), money, chocolate
Possible Changes? Taking Action!

- Shutting down the rest of campus (libraries, dining halls, etc)
- Time limit
- CP and HA help with frosh awareness
- Change locate (to eat, to study, etc)
- "Fun" plenary vs democratically important plenary
- Streaming/Online plenary
The Consensus

THE QUORUM IS TOO DAMN HIGH
Guise, we can't change Quorum.
Do you think plenary is still relevant? Why or why not?

- **No**
  - It is a publicity stunt
  - Administration does not care about our opinions
  - Other, better means involving the entire student body should be implemented
  - Most resolutions never move past plenary

- **Yes, but...**
  - not to seniors
  - it depends on the importance of the resolutions
  - I hate how it is run
  - the language of resolutions is hard to understand
  - the resolutions need to have a plan for follow-up
  - not with 1/3 of the student body quorum
  - only if the majority of the students are invested
  - it should be online
  - the entire campus should be aware and adjust accordingly
  - with "e-options"
  - only the idea, not the implementation
  - it is declining due to apathy
  - it is poorly advertised
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Yes
- Yes, my vote counts.
- Appreciate the right to speak whenever they want to; pro, con, question mics, the option to extend time, etc.
- Plenary is the best option so far to bring the student body together

No
- Peer pressure - following the majority
- Time - people want to leave as soon as possible, especially when it takes long to reach quorum
- Don’t know much about the resolutions beforehand
- The administration does not hear us, especially when resolutions are about administration
- I feel I will be judged when I speak up (Several mentioned the Perry House resolution last fall)
- Lack of understanding for the plenary process; making amendments, etc.

Yes, but
- The issue with "clapping and booing" needs to be made more stressed out.
- Presenters should take time to thoroughly educate the community about the resolution
- SGA meeting is a better forum for opinions/voices to be heard.
- Sometimes plenary resolutions are not properly heard by the administration.
Straw Poll - What should be included in the survey?

- Time
- Food/Snacks
- Time Limit/Suggested Time Limit (removed in straw poll)
- Plenary Info Forum
- Quiet Study Space in Katharine Hepburn Room