

Western New Mexico University to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement.

The National Survey of Student Engagement is designed to collect information about what Western New Mexico University student's experience while attending the college, including views about the quality of their education and how they spend their time. The goal is to learn more about what students think and do so we can improve our program and services.

The survey will be distributed to a random sample of students via e-mail beginning February 8, 2012 and continue throughout the spring semester. The results will be used in several ways. First, all answers will be combined and summarized in aggregate for analysis and comparison with different types of students here at WNMU and with similar institutions across the country. The results will also be used to determine the quality of our services, identify student needs, and establish a base from which future progress can be measured. Finally, the results will become part of WNMU's ongoing assessment and quality improvement efforts as required for accreditation purposes.

A common concern is student privacy, and this is shared by the Institutional Research Office. While all answers will be shared in summary form with faculty, staff, student leaders, and other groups that have a 'need to know', they will never be presented in a format where individuals can be identified using the results.

All students contacted are encouraged to respond. Those with questions about the survey should contact the Institutional Research Office at 538-6488.