



University of Maine Student Government

2024 Spring Survey Report

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Background

The University of Maine Student Government Inc. (UMSG) is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation operated by UMaine students. Dedicated to enhancing student life on campus, UMSG continuously seeks to understand and address the needs and concerns of the student body. Following the inaugural spring survey conducted in 2023, UMSG launched its second annual survey via Qualtrics on April 18, 2024, aiming to capture the opinions and experiences of UMaine undergraduates. The survey gathered 661 responses before closing on May 1, 2024. The insights gained from this survey will enable UMSG Inc. to more effectively advocate for the student's voice and implement initiatives that reflect the current needs and desires of the UMaine community.

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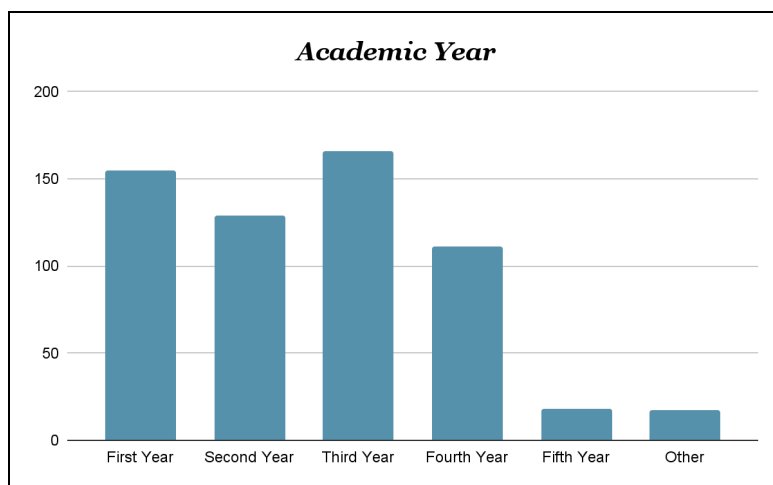
Survey Demographics

Sample Size

Six hundred sixty-one students (n=661) submitted complete responses, representing approximately 7.27% of the 2023-2024 undergraduate population of 9,094. (+1.27% from last year's survey)

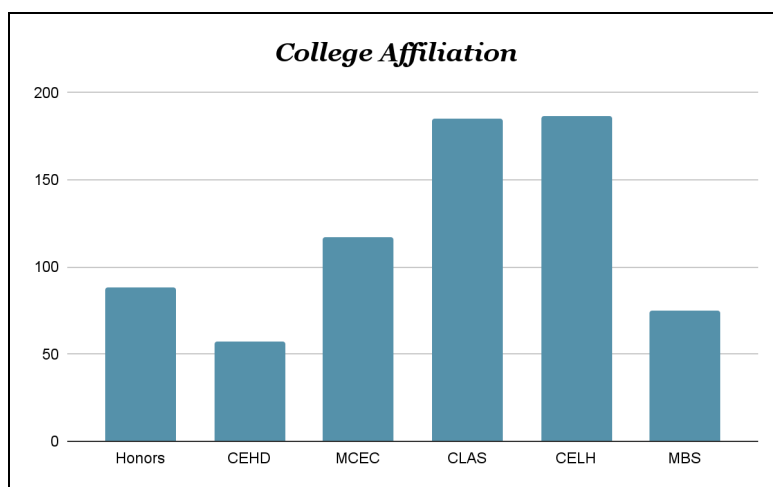
1. Academic Year

<i>Year</i>	n	%
First Year	155	26.01%
Second Year	129	21.64%
Third Year	166	27.85%
Fourth Year	111	18.62%
Fifth Year	18	3.02%
Other	17	2.85%



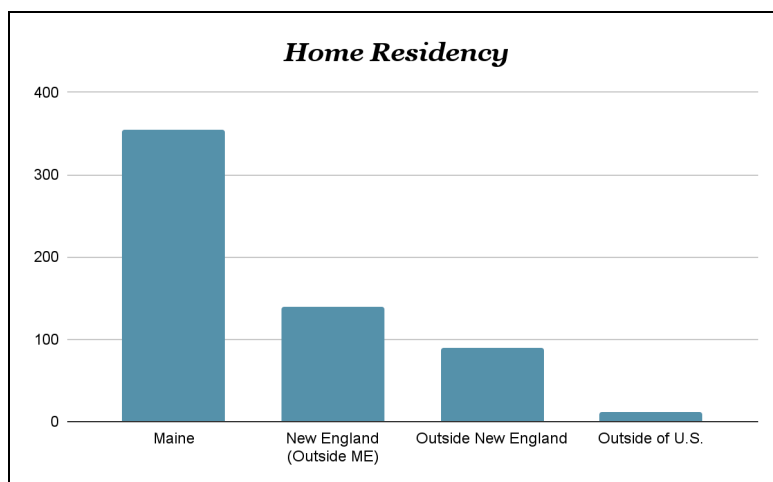
2. College Affiliation

<i>College</i>	n	%
Honors	88	12.41%
CEHD	57	8.04%
MCEC	117	16.50%
CLAS	185	26.09%
CELHS	187	26.38%
MBS	75	10.58%



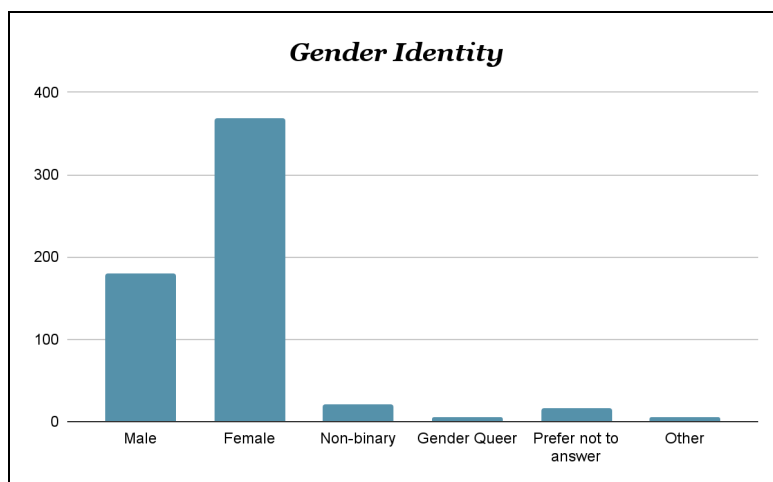
3. Home Residency

<i>Location</i>	n	%
Maine	355	60%
New England (Outside ME)	140	23%
Outside New England	90	15%
Outside of U.S.	11	2%



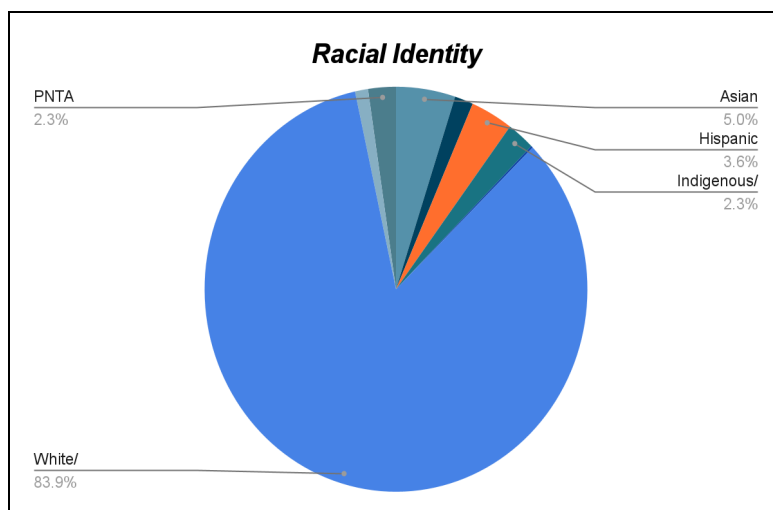
4. Gender Identity

<i>Identification</i>	n	%
Male	180	30%
Female	368	62%
Non-binary	21	4%
Gender Queer	6	1%
Prefer not to answer	16	3%
Other	5	1%



5. Racial Identity

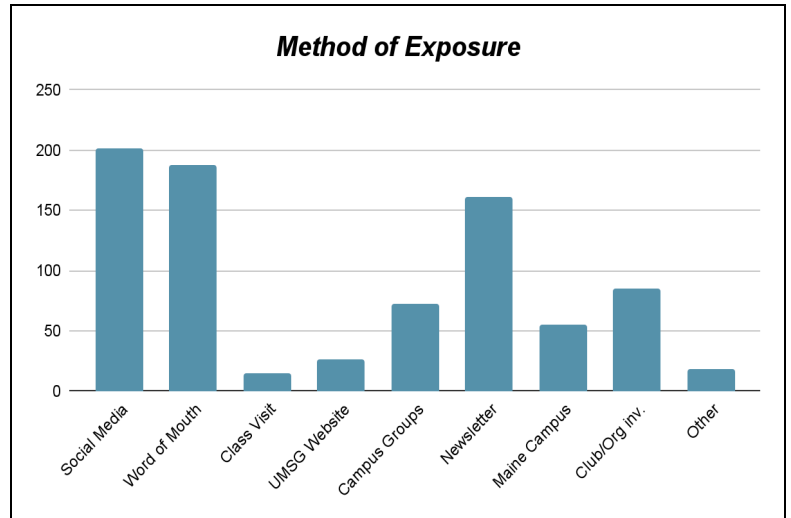
<i>Identification</i>	n	%
Asian	32	5%
Black or African American	10	2%
Hispanic	23	4%
Indigenous/ Native American	15	3%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	1	~0%
White/ Caucasian	537	90%
PNTA	15	3%
Other	7	1%



UMSG Exposure and Knowledge

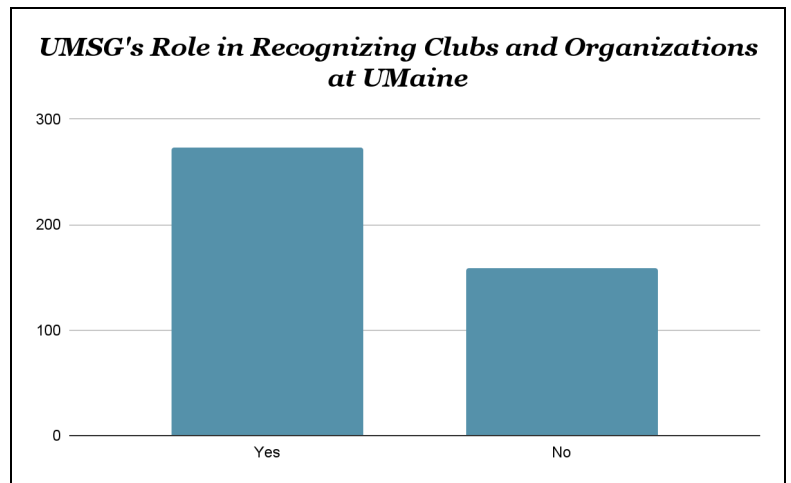
6. How Did You Learn About UMSG?

<i>Method</i>	n	%
Social Media	202	24.57%
Word of Mouth	188	22.87%
Class Visit	15	1.82%
UMSG Website	26	3.16%
Campus Groups	72	8.76%
Newsletter	161	19.59%
Maine Campus	55	6.69%
Club/Org inv.	85	10.34%
Other	18	2.19%



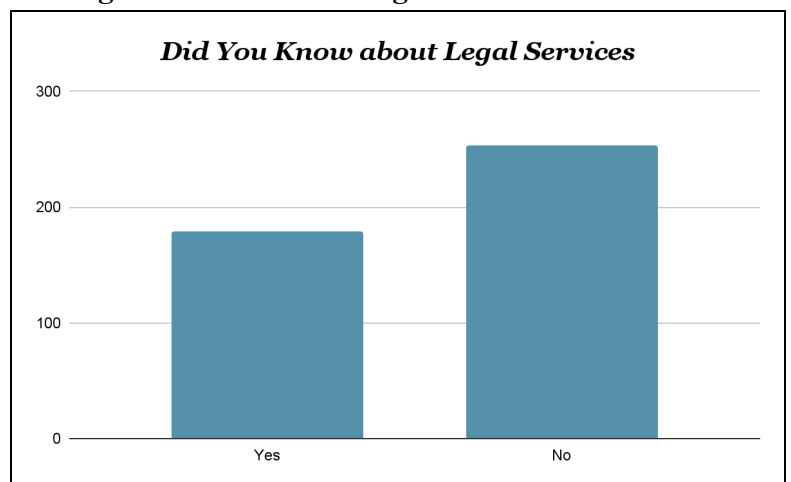
7. Did You Know That UMSG is Responsible for Recognizing Clubs and Organizations at UMaine?

<i>Y/N</i>	n	%
Yes	273	63.19%
No	159	36.81%



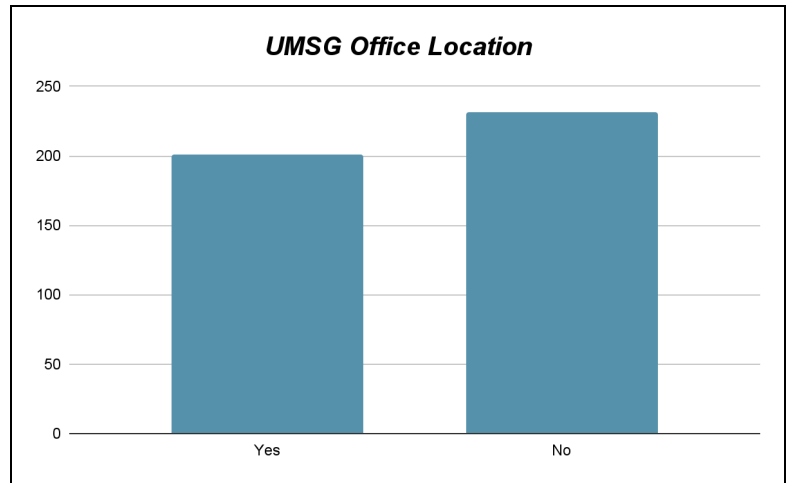
8. Did you know that UMSG provides free legal services for undergraduate students?

<i>Y/N</i>	n	%
Yes	179	41.44%
No	253	58.56%



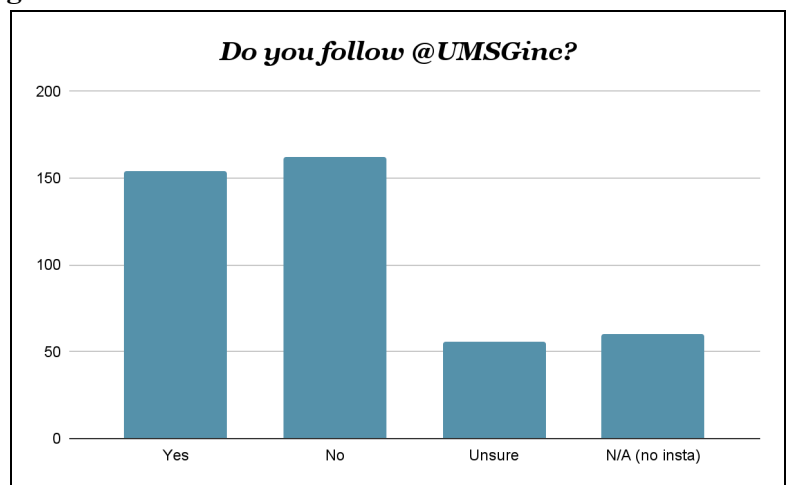
9. Before taking this survey, did you know that UMSG's offices are located in the back of the Wade Center?

Y/N	n	%
Yes	201	46.53%
No	231	53.47%



10. Do you follow @UMSGinc on Instagram?

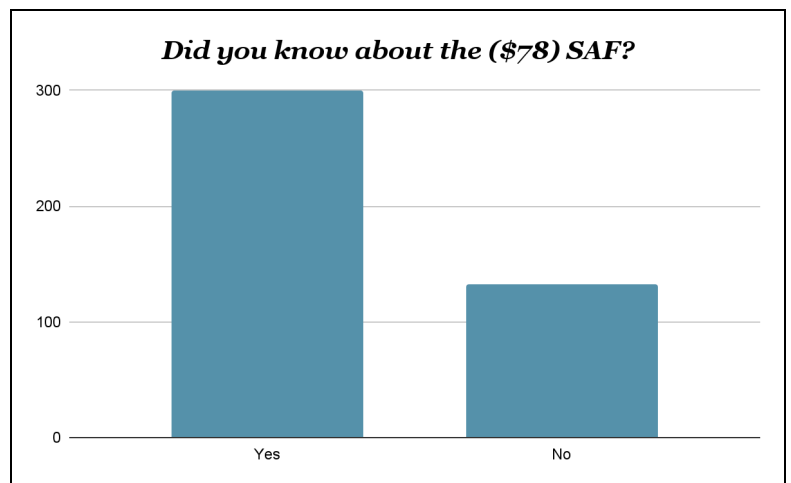
Y/N	n	%
Yes	154	35.65%
No	162	37.50%
Unsure	56	12.96%
N/A (no insta)	60	13.89%



Student Activity Fee and Club/Org Funding

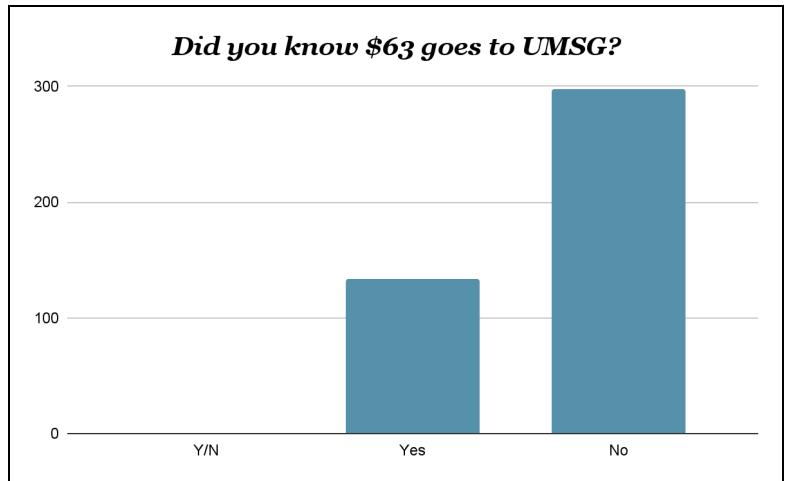
11. Did You Know You Pay the (\$78) SAF?

Y/N	n	%
Yes	300	69.44%
No	132	30.56%



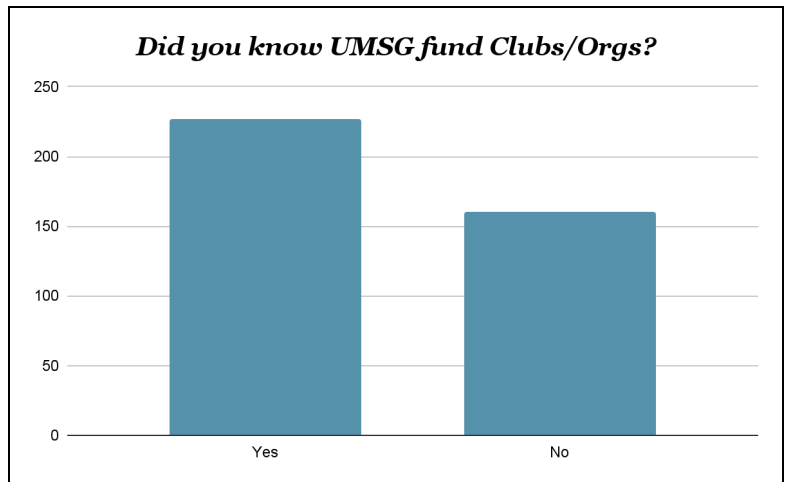
12. Did You Know the Maj. (\$63) of SAF Goes to UMSGinc?

Y/N	n	%
Yes	134	31.02%
No	298	68.98%



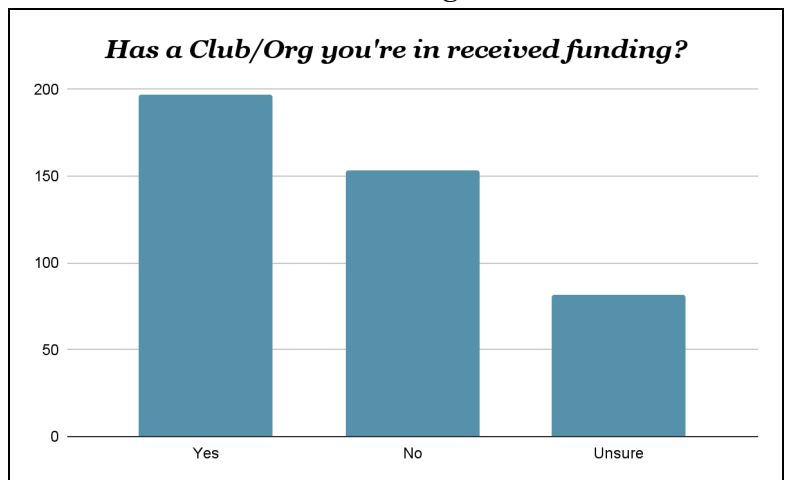
13. Did you know that UMSG is responsible for funding nearly all recognized clubs and organizations at UMaine?

Y/N	n	%
Yes	227	62.96%
No	160	37.04%



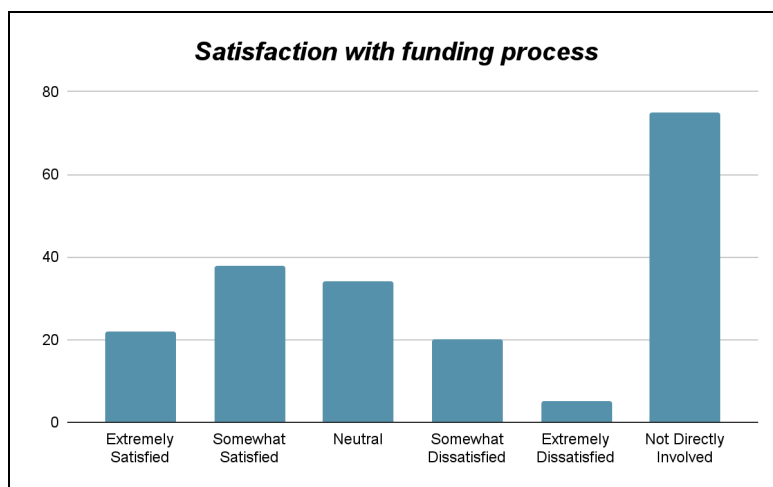
14a. Are you part of a club or organization that has received funding from UMSG?

Y/N	n	%
Yes	197	45.60%
No	153	35.42%
Unsure	82	18.98%



14b. (If yes on 14a) How satisfied were you with the USMG club funding process?

Y/N	n	%
Extremely Satisfied	22	11.34%
Somewhat Satisfied	38	19.56%
Neutral	34	17.53%
Somewhat Dissatisfied	20	10.31%
Extremely Dissatisfied	5	2.58%
Not Directly Involved	75	38.66%



14c. Feedback and Summary:

Positive Feedback:

- *Smooth Funding Process:* The process of requesting and receiving funding was described as smooth and easy.
- *Sufficient Funding:* The respondents reported receiving all the funding they needed, which was very satisfying to them.
- *Resource Availability:* There were ample resources available to help with the funding request process.
- *Accommodation of Issues:* The USMG was accommodating of any issues that arose during the funding process.
- *Positive Impact on Costs:* Funding from USMG significantly reduced the cost burden associated with club activities and events.
- *Satisfaction with Specific Events:* Specific events such as travel fees, retreats, and service trips were highlighted as being successfully funded and beneficial.

Negative Feedback:

- *Unengaging and Bureaucratic Process:* The funding request process is seen as very unengaging and overly bureaucratic, making it a barrier to access for students.
- *Insufficient Funding:* There is a common sentiment that clubs are not receiving enough funding for their activities and events.
- *Complexity and Intuitiveness:* The process and information for requesting funding are considered unnecessarily complicated and not intuitive.
- *Efficiency and Length of Meetings:* Meetings related to funding are perceived as very long and could be handled more efficiently.
- *Promotion and Event Support:* There were sentiments of almost no funding or help provided when promoting events, leading to dissatisfaction.
- *Safety and Financial Burden:* Concerns are raised about the safety and financial burden on club sports, particularly regarding transportation and the requirement to have a club bank account.

Neutral or Mixed Feedback:

- *Convolved and Confusing Process:* The funding process is described as somewhat convolved and confusing, even though the reasons and importance for its slight complexity are somewhat understood.

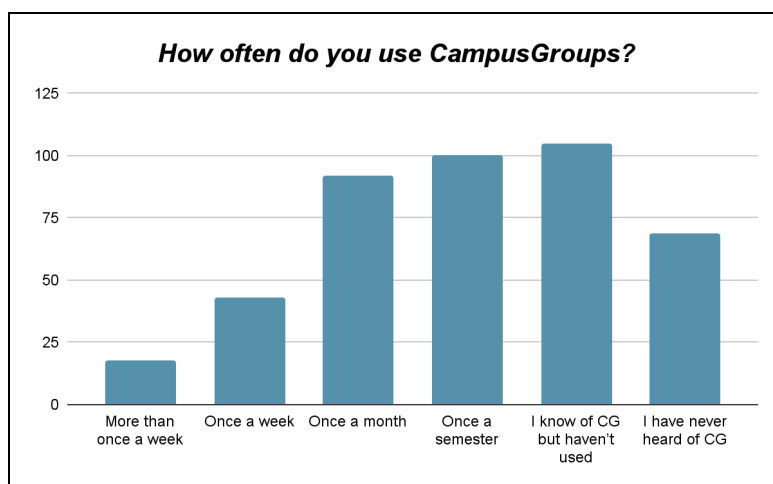
- *Administrative Issues:* There were administrative issues, such as mix-ups with paperwork and unnecessary meeting requests, contributing to the overall confusion.
- *Mixed Interactions with Staff:* Interactions with certain staff were described as disappointing, despite the eventual receipt of funding and the process itself being smooth.

Summary: Overall, those who had positive experiences with the funding process found it smooth, satisfactory, and well-supported, receiving ample funding for their needs. Conversely, respondents with negative experiences described the process as bureaucratic, complicated, and unengaging, citing issues such as lengthy meetings, transportation concerns, and insufficient funding. Mixed feedback acknowledged the complexity and bureaucratic nature of the process, recognizing its necessity, but also expressed frustration with specific interactions rather than the process as a whole.

Student Organizations and UMSG

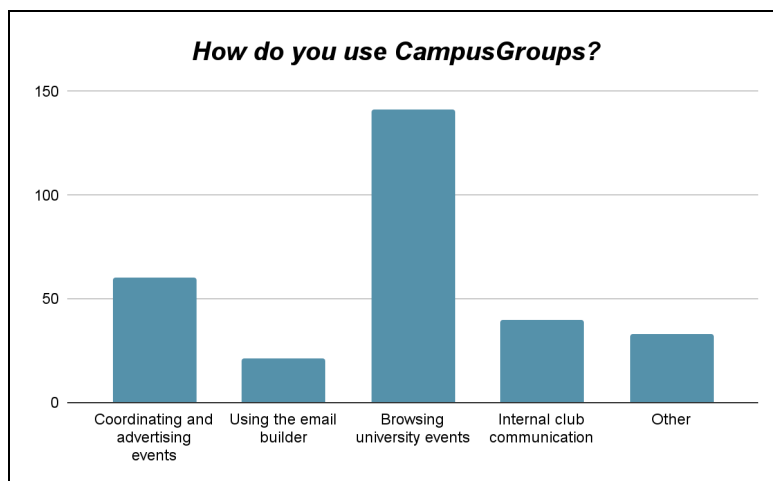
15a. How often do you use Campus Groups?

<i>Response</i>	n	%
More than once a week	18	4.22%
Once a week	43	10.07%
Once a month	92	21.55%
Once a semester	100	23.42%
I know of CG but haven't used	105	24.59%
I have never heard of CG	69	16.16%



15b. How do you use Campus Groups?

<i>Response</i>	n	%
Coordinating and advertising events	60	20.34%
Using the email builder	21	7.12%
Browsing university events	141	47.80%
Internal club communication	40	13.56%
Other	33	11.19%



15c. Common Themes in “Other” Entries.

Usage and Access:

- Used as an officer to get into events at the union or other club events.
- Limited usage; some have only attended one event requiring GC.
- Used to sign into club events or submit events for approval as an officer.
- Used for travel requests or to monitor attendance.
- Required for specific events like bridge week or for job responsibilities like checking in attendees.

Perception of Utility:

- Mixed feelings: some find it useful for checking in or registering for events, while others find it irrelevant or non-functional.
- Complaints about being forced to use it despite perceived issues with functionality.
- Some officers are frustrated with the application but must accept new members through it.

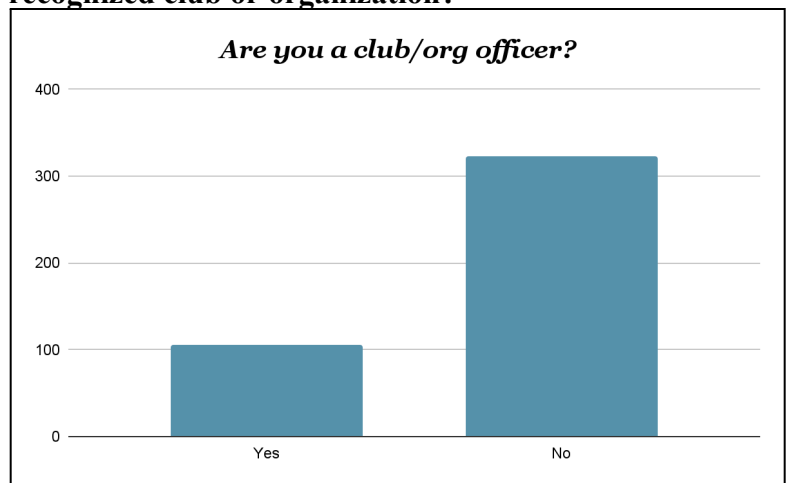
Technical Issues:

- Difficulties reported in updating event details or adding events to Campus Groups.
- Some express dislike or frustration with Campus Groups due to perceived inefficiencies or usability issues.
- Some users don't know how to use it effectively or find it confusing.

Summary: In examining responses regarding Campus Groups (GC), several common themes emerge. Club officers primarily use GC to access events at the union or for club-related activities, though some report limited usage or attendance at events requiring GC to sign in.. Functionally, it serves purposes such as signing into events, submitting event approvals, managing travel requests, and monitoring attendance. Perceptions of its utility vary widely: while some find it useful for event management, others criticize its perceived irrelevance or non-functionality, expressing frustration at being mandated to use it. Technical issues compound these perceptions, with users frequently citing difficulties in updating event details or navigating Campus Groups efficiently. Overall, the feedback reveals a complex landscape of usage experiences, utility assessments, and technical challenges associated with GC among undergraduate users.

16a. Are you an officer of a UMSG-recognized club or organization?

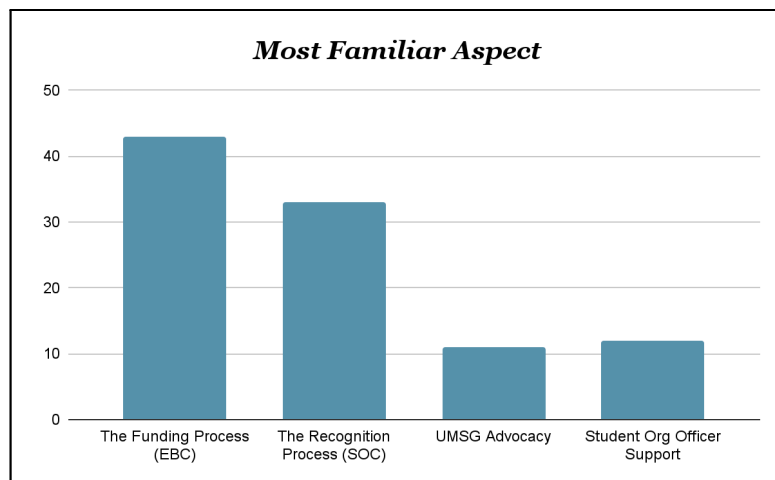
<i>Y/N</i>	n	%
Yes	106	24.71%
No	323	75.29%



16b. (If yes on 16a) What aspect of UMSG x Club relations are you the MOST

Familiar with?

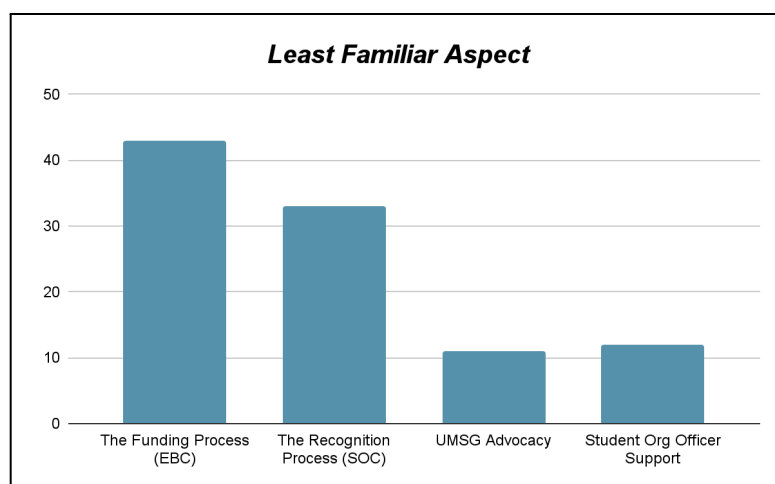
<i>Response</i>	n	%
The Funding Process (EBC)	43	43.43%
The Recognition Process (SOC)	33	33.33%
UMSG Advocacy	11	11.11%
Student Org Officer Support	12	12.12%



16c. (If yes on 16a) What aspect of UMSG x Club relations are you the LEAST

Familiar with?

<i>Response</i>	n	%
The Funding Process (EBC)	43	43.43%
The Recognition Process (SOC)	33	33.33%
UMSG Advocacy	11	11.11%
Student Org Officer Support	12	12.12%



16d. Do you have any suggestions on how we can better clarify the process you are least familiar with?

Common Themes:

- Communication Channels: Use emails, meetings, and newsletters to disseminate information.
- Website Improvement: Focus on enhancing website usability for finding forms and guidance.
- Direct Engagement: Meet or communicate directly with student officers to address their needs.
- Simplification and Clarity: Provide clear, concise, and comprehensive instructions and resources.
- Visual Aids: Utilize infographics or social media to visually represent processes.
- Student Entertainment

Summary: Interestingly, the funding process was top of the list for both most and least familiar. Those who had suggestions highlight a desire for clearer communication and processes for student organizations. There's a call for comprehensive and easily accessible directions, potentially through infographics or social media, to simplify “complex” processes and reduce administrative burdens. Ensuring initial club recognition presentations are informative and providing regular updates on websites are also emphasized, aiming to enhance overall clarity and support for student activities.

Student Entertainment

17. Here is a list of events UMSG has run in the past few years...

- Maine Events (concerts, comedians, shows)
- Food Trucks
- Black Bear Cinema Tickets
- Inflatable Slides and Events
- Bubble Soccer
- Student Speaker/Ted Talk-esc events
- ESports Tournaments
- Thrifting Event
- Field Day
- Charitable Events

...Of the events you attended, what aspects did you enjoy? What needs improvement?

Common Themes in Positive Feedback:

- Many respondents expressed overall enjoyment of the events, with some suggesting more advertising or group rates to enhance participation.
- Positive comments highlighted the inclusivity of thrifting and comedy events, noting their appeal to students.
- There was appreciation for the variety and novelty brought by food trucks, seen as a refreshing addition to campus life.
- Respondents liked the convenience and laid-back nature of the black bear cinema tickets, considering them an easy and enjoyable activity.
- Specific events like comedy shows and concerts were mentioned with praise for their entertainment value and community-building aspects.
- Positive feedback also focused on specific events like drag shows and comedy nights, emphasizing their entertainment value and student engagement.
- The food trucks received consistent praise for their variety and convenience during campus events.

Common Themes in Negative Feedback:

- Negative feedback often revolved around difficulties in finding information about events, leading to low attendance and a perception of events fading out.
- Some respondents expressed feeling disconnected from events due to poor advertising and a lack of awareness about what was happening on campus.
- Criticisms were directed towards Maine events specifically, with suggestions for better organization and promotion.
- Mixed feedback was noted regarding communication about food truck schedules, with some experiencing confusion or frustration over inconsistent information.
- Issues with event advertising and awareness were highlighted, pointing out that smaller events often received inadequate promotion compared to larger ones.
- Several respondents mentioned scheduling conflicts or lack of awareness as reasons for not attending events.
- Concerns were raised about ticketing policies and the need for clearer communication regarding event details.

Common Themes in Mixed Feedback:

- Respondents expressed mixed feelings about the events, appreciating aspects like food trucks and Maine events while suggesting areas for improvement.
- Newcomers to campus expressed interest in diverse events like thrifting and charity events, highlighting their appeal despite being new to the university.
- Mixed opinions were shared about Maine Events, with some enjoying them while others suggested better scheduling or integration into campus life.
- Feedback was influenced by personal schedules, with some expressing regret at missing events due to time constraints.
- Specific events like black bear cinema tickets and thrifting received positive comments despite challenges in attending them regularly.
- Respondents with busy schedules acknowledged their impact on event attendance but expressed interest in participating when possible.
- Enjoyment of specific events like food trucks and cinema nights was balanced with suggestions for improving event awareness and participation.
- Some respondents appreciated the integration of events into campus life but felt the need for more consistency in event promotion and scheduling.

Summary: Feedback on UMSG events reveals a blend of positive experiences and constructive criticisms. Positively, students appreciate the inclusivity and variety of events such as thrifting and comedy shows, alongside the convenience of offerings like food trucks and black bear cinema tickets. These events are seen as enhancing campus life and fostering community engagement. However, criticisms primarily focus on challenges with event advertising and communication, leading to low attendance and missed opportunities. There's a clear call for improved promotion of events, better scheduling to accommodate diverse student schedules, and more consistent information dissemination to enhance overall participation and enjoyment.

18. What events that were not listed would you like to see? (Top Responses)

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| ● More Concerts/Comedians: 13 | ● Movie nights following events for community bonding: 2 |
| ● Improved event advertising: 9 | ● Cultural events: 2 |
| ● Food events like picnics and BBQs: 7 | ● Sustainability events: 2 |
| ● Unique experiences such as trampoline park tickets or themed carnivals: 3 | ● Sporting tournaments: 2 |
| ● Tailgates with live music: 2 | ● Opportunities to showcase student achievements. |
| ● Hands-on crafting/art experiences: 2 | |
| ● Student speakers: 2 | |

Summary: Based on student feedback, the most desired events at UMSG include concerts, food-related events like picnics and BBQs, comedy shows, themed carnivals, tailgates with live music and games on the mall, hands-on crafting/art experiences, student speakers, movie nights following events for community bonding, more transparent communication about events, cultural events, sustainability events, sporting tournaments, and opportunities to showcase student achievements. However, the second most mentioned topic were calls for improved event advertising and promotion.

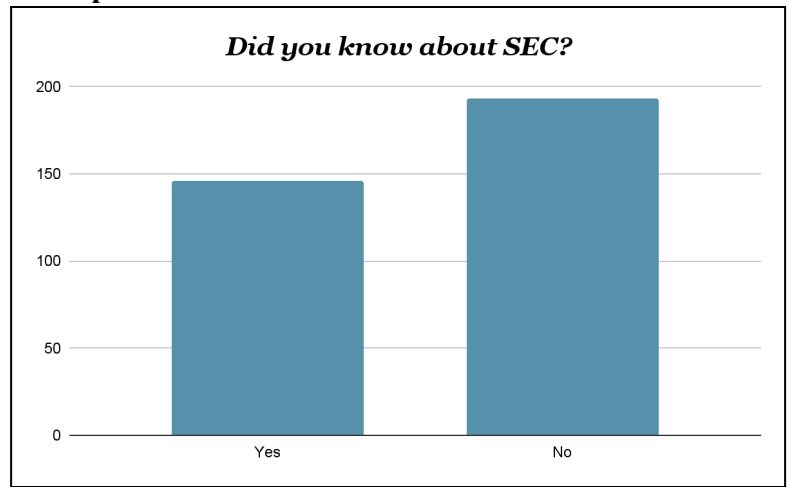
19. Due to the rising costs of concerts nationally, UMSG will be doing 3-4 mid-size shows in place of one big spring concert. Which mid-market musicians, artists, or comedians, would you like to see for a CCA performance? (Top 15)

Comedian	# of Mentions	Musicians	# of Mentions
Theo Von	17	Noah Kahan	29
Bob Marley	10	The Backseat Lovers	22
Pete Davidson	6	Peach Pit	12
Chris Fanjola	3	Briston Maroney	11
Shane Gillis	3	Beach Bunny	10
Connor Wood	2	Sammy Rae	9
Jeff Arcuri	2	Alec Benjamin	7
Morgan Jay	2	AJR	7
Brian Quinn	2	Dominic Fike	6
James Murray	2	Tate Mcrae	6
Sal Vulcano	2	The Driver Era	5
Drew and Enya	2	Phoebe Bridges	5
Cody Ko	2	Lake Street Dive	5
Noel Miller	2	Wallows	5
Kurtis Conner	2	Gladd Animals	5

Summary: The list above are the 15 most requested individuals in their categories. It is important to note, for transparency's sake, that out of the 424 responses on this specific question, **9 individuals (2.12%) responded with no artist, instead preferring see UMSG have one big Spring Concert.** Despite the rumblings of being dissatisfied with the Maine Event series, very few students at all answered this section of the survey.

20. Did you know that any undergrad can join UMSG's Student Entertainment Committee (SEC) to give input and plan UMSG-sponsored events?

Y/N	n	%
Yes	146	33.26%
No	193	66.74%



General Feedback Regarding the University

21. Use this space to provide any general feedback about the University you have. This will shape our advocacy and year-long efforts!

Here are the 30 main points from the feedback, ordered by frequency of mentions:

Food Quality and Dining Halls (31 mentions): Students express dissatisfaction with the quality of food in dining halls, the cost of mandatory meal plans, and the inconvenience of meal exchanges and dining hours. They seek better food options and improvements to UMaine dining across the board.

Parking (14 mentions): There is a strong demand for more/improved parking spaces, particularly for resident students.

Campus Aesthetic and Maintenance (13 mentions): Students desire a more visually appealing campus with improved landscaping, including colorful flowers, and better maintained roads and sidewalks. They also request improved walkways, bike paths, and communal trash cans.

Events and Student Engagement (12 mentions): There is a desire for more engaging campus events, the reinstatement of Maine Day, and better promotion of activities to increase student involvement.

Accessibility and ADA Compliance (9 mentions): Concerns are raised about the lack of accessibility on campus, including non-ADA compliant buildings, inadequate sidewalks, and insufficient transportation options for disabled students. Students seek improved accessibility services and infrastructure.

Transparency and Communication (8 mentions): Students want more transparency from the administration regarding decisions and financial matters. They seek clearer communication about how tuition and fees are allocated and used.

Dorms and Housing (8 mentions): Issues with outdated housing facilities, cleanliness, and the need for more accommodating and accessible dorm arrangements are highlighted. Students call for better maintenance and living conditions.

Student Safety (6 mentions): Safety concerns include calls to lift bans on self-protection measures and improve security infrastructure such as cameras and lighting on campus.

Scholarships and Financial Aid (6 mentions): There is frustration over reductions in scholarships and unclear communication about tuition increases and financial aid decisions. Students seek more support and transparency regarding financial matters.

Advisors and Academic Support (5 mentions): Students express a need for improved advisor support, better access to tutoring services, and more comprehensive academic resources to enhance their educational experience.

Inclusivity and Cultural Support (4 mentions): Students want more support for diversity clubs, cultural facilities, and inclusive events that celebrate different backgrounds and identities.

Sustainability (4 mentions): Students are interested in promoting sustainability initiatives on campus, including native planting, improved recycling programs, and reducing environmental impact.

Career and Counseling Services (3 mentions): There is a call for better *promotion* of career services, mental health support, and free counseling services available to students.

Campus Facilities (3 mentions): Issues with building maintenance, including HVAC systems and study spaces, are highlighted as areas needing improvement for better academic and living conditions.

Transportation and Bussing Services (3 mentions): Students request improvements in bussing services for safer and more reliable transportation options, addressing current challenges with transportation on and off campus.

Attendance Policies (2 mentions): Students seek more flexible attendance policies, particularly for those with disabilities, to accommodate diverse student needs.

Advisor Accountability (2 mentions): There is a desire for more accountability from academic advisors to ensure they provide effective support and guidance to students.

Summary: Students have raised several critical concerns that require our attention. Key among these are improving the quality and variety of dining hall food, expanding parking, and enhancing campus aesthetics through better landscaping and infrastructure maintenance. There's also a strong desire for better accessibility, including improving ADA compliance and services, and increasing transparency in financial matters and scholarship decisions. Additionally, students have suggested improvements to housing conditions, safety measures, and academic support services to enhance their overall experience on campus.

General Feedback Regarding UMSG

22a. Please select the five areas that you want your student government to focus their most effort.

<i>Category (in descending order)</i>	n	%
Improved Campus Dining	430	16.96%
Exciting Maine Day Week Events	312	12.30%
Campus Sustainability	308	12.15%
Increased Transparency of UMaine Administration	288	11.36%
Transportation (eg. locally, to sport games, for break)	282	11.12%
Strengthening Mental Health Resources on Campus	268	10.57%
Increased Transparency of UMSG	162	6.39%
Prioritizing Off-Campus Student Issues	156	6.15%
Leadership Development for Student Orgs	150	5.91%
Other	98	3.87%
Club Storage	82	3.23%

22b. Common Themes in “Other” Entries.

Improved Campus Facilities and Safety:

- More parking, particularly for commuter students.
- Better lighting on campus.
- Maintenance and cleanliness of dorm bathrooms and halls.
- Fixing roads and improving sidewalks.
- Enhancing campus safety.

Support for Student Organizations and Clubs:

- Increased funding for sports clubs and smaller clubs.
- Easier systems for clubs to gain recognition and receive funding.
- More visibility and advertising for events and fraternity/sorority philanthropy.

Enhanced Campus Life and Events:

- More concerts and events, specifically mentioned student band performances.
- Better senior week events and year-round activities on the mall.
- Events that are more appealing to a broader range of students, avoiding child-like themes.
- More programming for nontraditional and transfer students.

Community Engagement and Service:

- Better planning and promotion of specific Maine Day events to achieve substantial community service hours.
- Increased support for ROTC groups and Greek life housing.

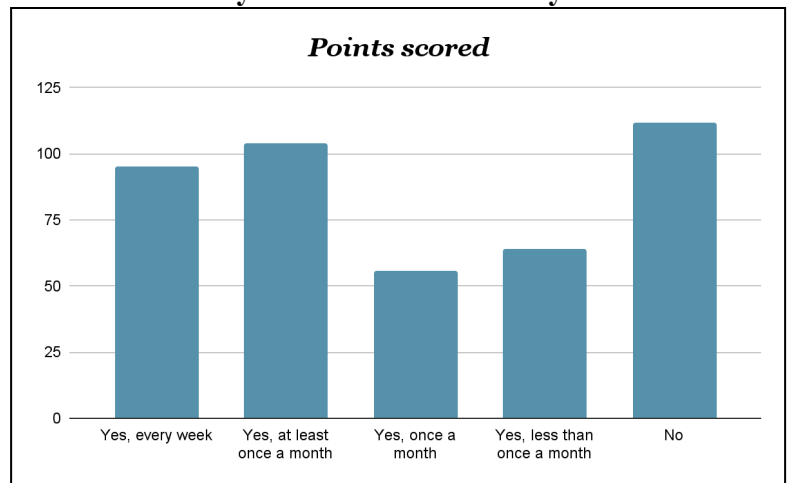
Accessibility and Transparency:

- Advocating for better accessibility for students with disabilities.
- Creating gender-neutral bathrooms.
- Transparency on financial decisions, such as scholarship allocation and event funding.
- Improved communication about UMSG votes and decisions affecting students.

Summary: Students have expressed a desire for their student government to focus on improving campus facilities and safety, such as increasing parking availability, enhancing lighting, and maintaining campus bathrooms and roads. There is also a call for better support and funding for student organizations and clubs, with an emphasis on making the recognition and funding process easier and increasing visibility for events and Greek life philanthropy. Enhancing campus life through more appealing events, including concerts and year-round activities, and providing better programming for nontraditional and transfer students are also priorities. Additionally, students want greater community engagement through community service on Maine Day and better planning of related events. Lastly, there is a strong demand for improved accessibility and transparency, including better resources for students with disabilities, gender-neutral bathrooms, and clearer communication about financial and administrative decisions made by the University.

23. Do you read the weekly UMSG newsletter sent to your email each Sunday?

Y/N	n	%
Yes, every week	95	22.04%
Yes, at least once a month	104	24.13%
Yes, once a month	56	12.99%
Yes, less than once a month	64	14.85%
No	112	25.99%



24. Use this space to provide any general feedback about UMSG you have. This will shape our efforts for the future!

Positive feedback:

- Great job guys!
- All great!
- The incoming President is a joy and I look forward to the next year under his leadership!
- Everyone at UMSG deserves a pat on the back for all the work they do throughout the year.
- Y'all have been good
- Y'all rock
- Keep up the work you do, it's highly appreciated
- Nice job guys, I like college.
- You guys are doing great
- I think they did a great job!

Negative feedback:

- Please get this camera situation fixed.
- again... do better
- UMSG is not transparent enough
- The UMSG seems a bit cliquy, which is intimidating for those who want to join.
- It often feels like a separate entity entirely, and it would be interesting if it was more transparent on its processes and ideas.
- Sometimes more isn't better, higher quality events rather than more
- With the school so deep into debt it blows my mind how there is so much money allocated to sports, both collegiate and club
- Listen more to POC instead of making assumptions

Mixed feedback:

- I did not interact with UMSG very much, but I have actually considered joining. I love having a leadership role in my community and I think next year I will look into joining.
- Holding meetings that are open to all students to voice concerns would be a great way to offer support to all students, similar to office hours but more of a forum style
- A lot of people didn't know about the small event series for Maine day until the week they were happening. So maybe more publicity for those types of events.
- Love the surveys and the opportunity to win prizes (and to complain as you can see above)!
- UMSG does a good job managing clubs but they do a lot behind the scenes that I don't know about.
- I think that you all do great work, and I wish you all the best in your endeavors. Have a great summer!
- Prepare a brief (3-5 slide) presentation on UMSG, and campaign for it to be included in each 100-level Intro To ____" course. That will bring the governing body more visibility from the outset of a student's career.
- I think UMSG needs to be more active on campus and needs to find a way to make students more aware of what they are doing.
- We need something in the winter to keep students from falling off. The spring semester is really hard to get through already with four months of freezing weather and darkness, there needs to be something before or after spring break on campus to have something to look forward to
- I think you all do great work, and I wish you all the best in your endeavors. Have a great summer!
- It is a blessing to be here, but politics take too great a role on this campus.
- More events on campus and transportation to off campus events would be fantastic! I appreciate everything that has been done for the student body so far.
- Push to bring back used books and to keep tuition low

Summary: The feedback on UMSG shows a mix of positive recognition, concerns about transparency, and suggestions for improvement. Students appreciate UMSG's management of clubs and events, as well as efforts in communication through regular updates like weekly emails. However, transparency remains a significant issue. Many students feel unclear about UMSG's decision-making processes and SAF allocations, leading to perceptions of opacity. There are also concerns about communication gaps, with some feeling left out of important information. Criticisms about exclusivity and perceived favoritism towards UMSG members highlight the need for greater transparency and inclusivity.

Mixed opinions reflect varied experiences and suggestions for enhancement. While some students express interest in getting more involved with UMSG, they note perceived barriers such as unclear participation procedures. There is also a call for more impactful initiatives that appeal to a broader spectrum of student interests. In conclusion, while UMSG is praised for its club management and communication efforts, addressing transparency issues and improving inclusivity are crucial for better representing and engaging the student body effectively.