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Withdrawing Students

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Summary

Student retention continues to be a focal point for Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT). The OSUIT Retention Task Force promoted efforts to determine why students leave the university without completing their programs of study; as we identify actionable reasons for these withdrawals, resources are focused on correcting conditions leading to these withdrawals. By minimizing deterrents, retention of our student population should improve. Work continues to determine the forces that influence students leading them to decide to withdraw from school. The *Withdrawal Survey* continues to play a part in these efforts.

The Withdrawal Survey was revised in January 2020 making it more concise. Since the new survey was not posted on the Student Withdrawal Request Form until January 2021, this year's report includes responses from both versions of the Withdrawal Survey. The Institutional Research Office received 290 completed Student Withdrawal Request Forms that include Withdrawal Survey data for academic year 2020-2021. Please note that the Student Withdrawal Request Form has two parts: The front page, the Student Withdrawal Request Form, provides the Registrar's Office with essential contact information, an explanation of reasons for withdrawal, and signatures of required contacts prior to withdrawal. On the back of the form is the Withdrawal Survey, used by the Office of Institutional Research, to collect additional information such as intent to return, access to and use of services, and feedback on ways to help students stay in school. Although some of the information from the Student Withdrawal Request Form (front page) is useful for institutional research purposes, most of the information reported herein is based on responses to the Withdrawal Survey on the back of the form (see Appendix E for a copy of the Student Withdrawal Request Form which includes the Withdrawal Survey).

This report contains *overall* results (appendix A) as well as disaggregated results by students who *canceled* (appendix B) and those who *withdrew* (appendix C). The *census date* refers to the day after the deadline when a student in full-term classes can withdraw with a full refund of tuition and fees. Census day also marks the day when institutions take an official preliminary headcount for the term. Most cancellations and withdrawals occurred during the fall 2020 semester (44.48%). Side-by-side comparison of the respondents by semester generally reflect enrollment patterns with more students canceling/withdrawing during semesters with the largest enrollment.

Reasons for withdrawal, as reported on the *Student Withdrawal Request Form*, varied greatly. More students *canceled* before census (181, 62.41%) than *withdrew* after census (109, 37.59%). The reasons listed on the *Student Withdrawal Request Form* were in the form of a checklist; you will find these sorted into *Canceled* and *Withdrawn* categories in appendices B and C.

Withdrawal Survey (Institutional Research Office)

The Withdrawal Survey provides respondents with a checklist of potential student issues that help to identify the factors that led to their withdrawal from school. Almost half (46.55%) of the overall respondents reported they intended to re-enroll at OSUIT, and 72.07% came with the intention to graduate. Overall, the most cited checklist reasons for leaving included Financial reasons (65 responses), Other (64 responses), Family reasons (53 responses), Taking a break from school (42 responses), and Work (40 responses). The survey also asks about students' access to support services and whether they chose to access support services during their time at OSUIT. The response options were changed slightly

on the revised survey form; see Appendix A for a full listing of responses and refer to Appendix E for the revised response options.

Canceled vs. Withdrawn Students

In most cases, students who canceled were a bit less engaged in the processes thought to affect retention, particularly when seeking counseling services or the advice of an academic advisor. On the other hand, since cancelling classes occurs before or early in the term, some may have less opportunity to engage in these services. The most prevalent major reasons for withdrawal include:

- Personal (26.21%)
- Work/job-related (26.24%)
- Financial (25.17%)
- Family (17.59%)
- Coursework was too difficult (14.48%)
- Class scheduling issues (11.03%)

Upon deciding to leave school:

- 9.39% of canceled students vs. 19.27% of withdrawn students engaged in tutorial services.
- 3.31% of canceled students vs. 11.01% of withdrawn students sought counseling.
- 40.88% of canceled students vs. 0.92% of withdrawn students talked to their academic advisor.
- 19.34% of canceled students vs. 31.19% of withdrawn students talked to a Financial Aid counselor.

When asked how we could have helped them stay in school:

- 11.02% of canceled students and 5.66% of withdrawn students suggested "more scholarships".
- 6.78% of canceled students and 6.92% withdrawn students suggested "more flexible schedules".
- The largest portions, 24.15% of canceled students and 45.28% of withdrawn students reported that nothing could be done, they could not be helped to stay in school.

Although the revised survey no longer includes an open-ended response option for the question "How could we have helped you stay in school?", the data received during the 2020-2021 academic period included several obsolete forms that still included the "other" option. Responses in the "other" category identified issues dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic including the preference for in-class instruction and need for availability of internships. However, several mentioned that OSUIT was not at fault and that the problems experienced were either unknown or unavoidable.

Finally, a five-year data comparison covering academic years 2016-2017 through 2020-2021 can be found in Appendix D. Slight adjustments were made to accommodate changes in items with the revised *Withdrawal Survey* as noted below affected tables. For open-ended comments and "other" responses for the prior four years, please refer to the previous reports on the OSUIT Institutional Research website under the "Withdrawing Student Survey" tab.

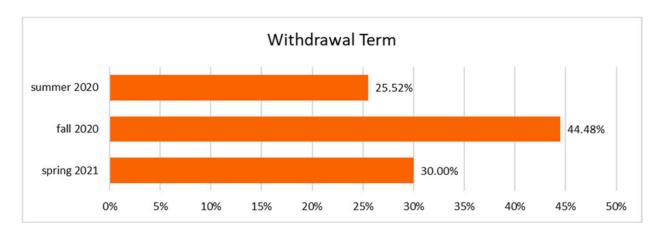
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Appendix A

Overall Results

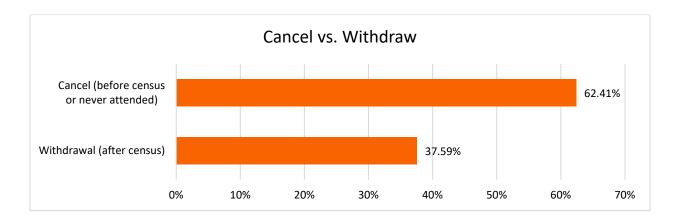
Withdrawal Term

Term	Count	Percent
summer2020	74	25.52%
Fall 2020	129	44.48%
Spring 2021	87	30.00%
Total	290	100.00%



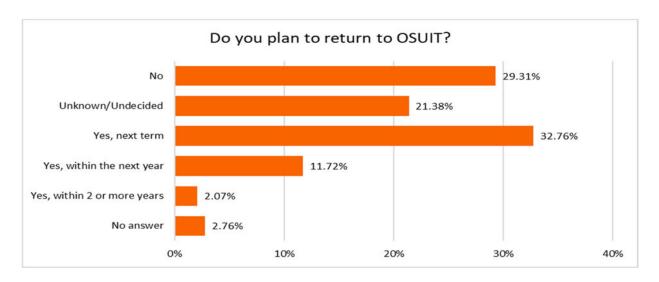
Cancel vs. Withdraw

Туре	Count	Percent
Cancel (before census or never attended)	181	62.41%
Withdrawal (after census)	109	37.59%
Total	290	100.00%



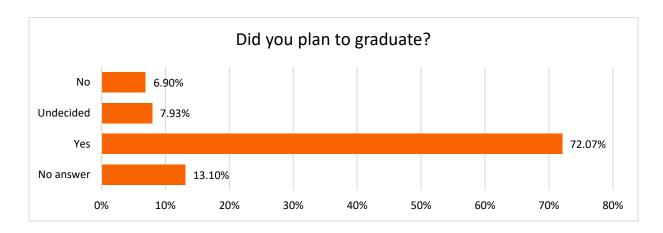
Do you plan to return to OSUIT?

Response	Count	Percent
No	85	29.31%
Unknown/Undecided	62	21.38%
Yes, next term	95	32.76%
Yes, within the next year	34	11.72%
Yes, within 2 or more years	6	2.07%
No response	8	2.76%
Total	290	100.00%

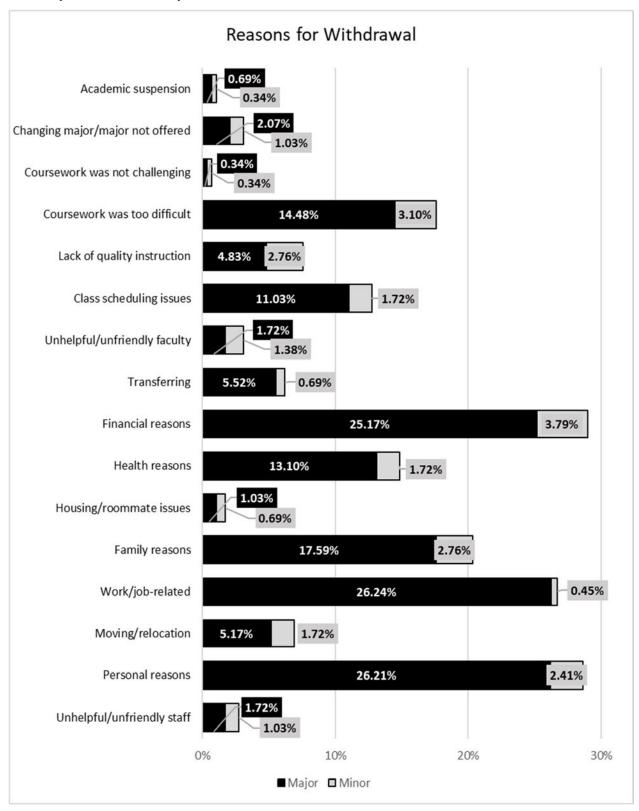


When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?

Response	Count	Percent
No	20	6.90%
Undecided	23	7.93%
Yes	209	72.07%
No response	38	13.10%
Grand Total	290	100.00%



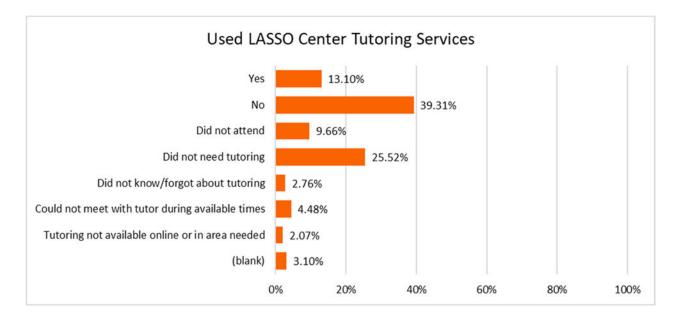
Reasons for Withdrawal: Major and minor reasons shown as stacked bars



For each category, the percentage is derived from the number of responses divided by overall number of respondents (290).

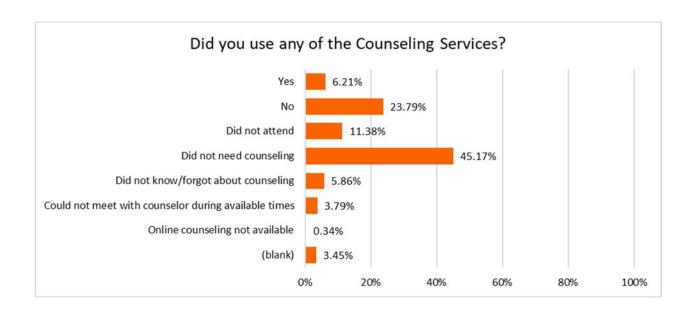
Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	38	13.10%
No	114	39.31%
Did not attend	28	9.66%
Did not need tutoring	74	25.52%
Did not know/forgot about tutoring	8	2.76%
Could not meet with tutor during available times	13	4.48%
Tutoring not available online or in area needed	6	2.07%
No response	9	3.10%
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Did you use any of the Counseling Services? (select one)

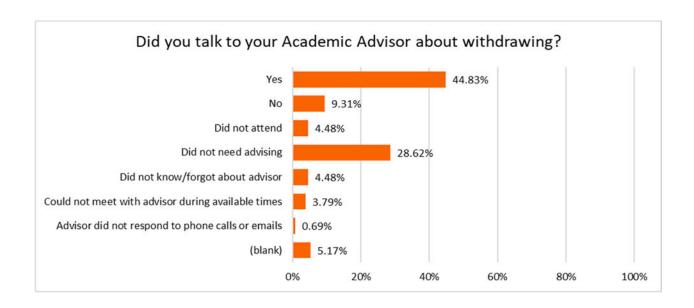
Response	Count	Percent
Yes	18	6.21%
No	69	23.79%
Did not attend	33	11.38%
Did not need counseling	131	45.17%
Did not know/forgot about counseling	17	5.86%
Could not meet with counselor during available times	11	3.79%
Online counseling not available	1	0.34%
No response	10	3.45%
Total	290	100.00%



Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	130	44.83%
No	27	9.31%
Did not attend	13	4.48%
Did not need advising	83	28.62%
Did not know/forgot about advisor	13	4.48%
Could not meet with advisor during available times	11	3.79%
Advisor did not respond to phone calls or emails	2	0.69%
No response	15	5.17%
Total*	294	101.38%

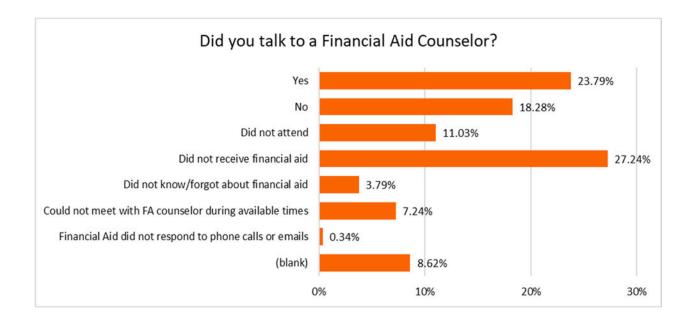
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Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	69	23.79%
No	53	18.28%
Did not attend	32	11.03%
Did not receive financial aid	79	27.24%
Did not know/forgot about financial aid	11	3.79%
Could not meet with FA counselor during available times	21	7.24%
Financial Aid did not respond to phone calls or emails	1	0.34%
No response	25	8.62%
Total*	291	100.34%

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How could we have helped you stay in school?

Response, by most frequent	Count	Percent
No response	133	33.67%
Nothing/could not be helped	129	32.66%
More scholarships/grants	35	8.86%
More flexible schedules	27	6.84%
More online courses	18	4.56%
Increase tutoring hours	6	1.52%
More counseling services	6	1.52%
less online.	1	0.25%
textbooks	1	0.25%
Other	1	0.25%
Other: A internship.	1	0.25%

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Other: I couldn't get there.	0.25%
Other: I decided to seek a different route.	0.25%
Other: I just need a break.	0.25%
Other: I'm moving.	0.25%
Other: In-class sessions.	0.25%
Other: Interested in a different major.	0.25%
Other: Lengthen drop w/ full refund date to 15th day of class.	0.25%
Other: Less online courses. 1	0.25%
Other: Make scholarships allowed for part-time college classes. 1	0.25%
Other: More help with internships.	0.25%
Other: More in school 1	0.25%
Other: More internships 1	0.25%
Other: More majors offered. 1	0.25%
Other: Need classroom environment 1	0.25%
Other: Needed medical issues taken care of.	0.25%
Other: No online courses 1	0.25%
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Other: Not so tough to get into Nursing!	0.25%
Other: Nothing my mother is ill.	0.25%
Other: Nothing you could have done. The pandemic is my reason for withdrawal. 1	0.25%
Other: Offer prerequisite class more than one time a year.	0.25%
Other: On campus classes (other than lab)	0.25%
Other: On-campus classes.	0.25%
Other: Reduction in cost. 1	0.25%
Other: Unfortunately with the current event you can't change	0.25%
Other: Upgrade O-Key. 1	0.25%
Other: Waiting for in class instruction.	0.25%
Other: Will return.	0.25%
Other: Wrong course. 1	0.25%
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Any comments or suggestions?

A bit overbearing on work load but otherwise, ok.

All in all great. Hope to see you next semester!

All services are great. I will return as soon as possible.

All services offered were fine and helpful.

B.J. O'Brien is wonderful and very helpful. John Beattie was a great help as well.

Being in person classes

Course hours need/needs to be increased to fully understand work.

Degree ATLE isn't for me. I went to do Auto degree. COVID 19 messed that up. Hopefully fall 21 COVID is less and can continue.

Enjoyed my time at OSUIT immensely and zero complaints over the past two years.

Everyone has been nice & helpful when we visited. Just decided to study a area that isn't offered at OSU-IT.

Everyone I have talked to has been very helpful. Thank you! I am returning in the summer 2021.

Everyone was very nice and would recommend to others.

Everything was great at OSUIT.

Extremely good faculty.

Fantastic. I have to look after my mother my father died 40 years ago and I promised him I would look after my mother.

Good school. Finished all my pre-regs here.

Great just need to use them..

Great school I will be coming back once I can!

Great school. Just changed direction.

Great staff and campus but wasn't what I want to do at this time.

have better systems and more staff

I already graduated, thought I might need this class for my next degree.

I am extremely grateful for services received thus far.

I am just wanting to take one semester off. I have no complaints.

I am leaving because I have more alternatives at another university. I am thankful and appreciative of my time at OSUIT.

I am very happy at OSUIT. See you in the fall 2020!

I called Thursday / Friday and no one answered. I didn't know where to send the paperwork.

I enjoyed my first semester summer 2020, and was looking forward to fall 2020 class. Wish materials were available.

I have informed the LOON of the of the reasons of the withdrawal.

I loved everything about this school. The way they services are ran here are amazing and I would not change a thing about it.

I needed to go back and refresh on Algebra 1&2, then go to College Algebra. C#, it was tough material and it relied on information outside the content.

I plan to take o a full time job. This school schedule does not work for a full time worker.

I really enjoyed the Power Plant program.

I struggled a lot with online learning. Also I have had a lot of home issues to deal with this semester.

I was looking for study in the areas of machine learning.

I will be re-inrolling ASAP Health problems resolved My withdrawl is completely health related.

I will be returning in the fall fully prepared to succeed.

If date of withdrawal will leave me still owing money for class, contact me. Withdrawing from History.

Kathy Avery was a huge help that I would recommend to every students at OSUIT. Creative Technology staff & teachers were amazing and created real connections with me.

Looking forward to coming back more organized and confident and in better shape personally mentally and a more better stable condition.

Make the High Voltage students study wire sizes and colors more.

More on campus options for IT program for above question [How could we have helped you stay in school?]

More teachers to make sure students know about assignments both in person and online.

My VA benefits were not going to be approved. I have to use a different option.

Need more night classes for working students or online sections for classes offered.

Need night classes.

No

No, I've had a great experience and hope to be readmitted to Nursing.

None at this time. Everyone had been very helpful.

None needed it is great.

Nothing is wrong with the school, I'm dealing with personal issues.

Of course I liked the school. I liked the online flexibility. I would have graduated. I thought it was extremely stupid to let me for one semester and then cut me like that. I made straight A's. I was told it was my responsibility to make sure I was in compliance for your percentage of classes taken vs graded. OSU had my grades before I was even accepted. I should have been told day one what was going to happen and I would not have wasted money and a semester out of my life.

Online course offerings are great for students with physical disabilities.

OSU has been the best facility/college I've attended. My needs were always met and the staff was always so helpful and nice.

OSUIT has been a very positive experience. Due to new year workload it is to much on my time at this time.

OSUIT is a great school. I will be returning next trimester.

Please tell me/and other concurrent students when the course is a compressed class, and early or late start/end

Recovering from COVID-19 has taken longer than expected and, unfortunately affected my attendance in class. I will be returning in summer 2021 to complete these classes.

Schedules do not work with working adult schedules. Credits won't transfer to 4 year college.

Services from OSUIT have exceeded my expectations and I look forward to joining in the fall.

Services were great.

Suggest schedules become more flexible.

Thank you for offering yourselves. If I need to take summer classes again, I might re-enroll.

The services offered are good.

The services that were provided to me was very helpful and got me get as far as I could.

The staff are extremely friendly people, and very helpful.

The veterans counselor has been the most helpful staff member @ OSUIT.

This issue was caused by a breakdown in communication from botht he Department of Education and the collections company they used for my prior student loan.

Wanted a big college feel.

Withdrawing for medical reasons.

Withdrawing for mental health reasons. Classes being online and not in-person due to the pandemic added to the stress. I learn better in-person.

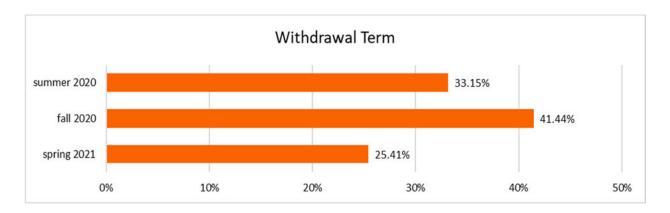
Your office of academic accommodations did nothing to help me when I needed guidance on how to apply.

Appendix B

Results for students who canceled prior to census

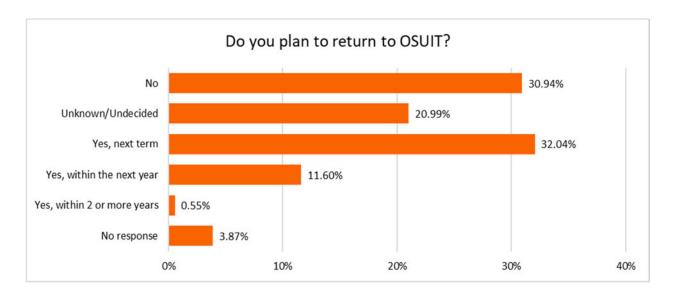
Withdrawal Term

Term	Count	Percent
Summer 2020	60	33.15%
Fall 2020	75	41.44%
Spring 2021	46	25.41%
Total	181	100.00%



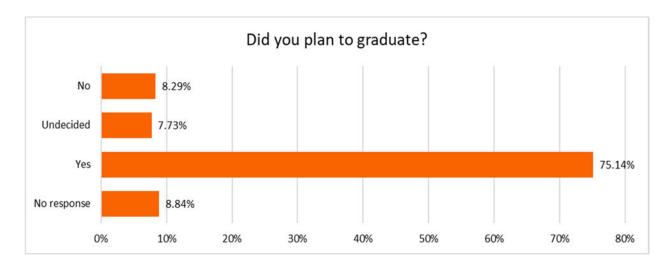
Do you plan to return to OSUIT?

Response	Count	Percent
No	56	30.94%
Unknown/Undecided	38	20.99%
Yes, next term	58	32.04%
Yes, within the next year	21	11.60%
Yes, within 2 or more years	1	0.55%
No response	7	3.87%
Total	181	100.00%



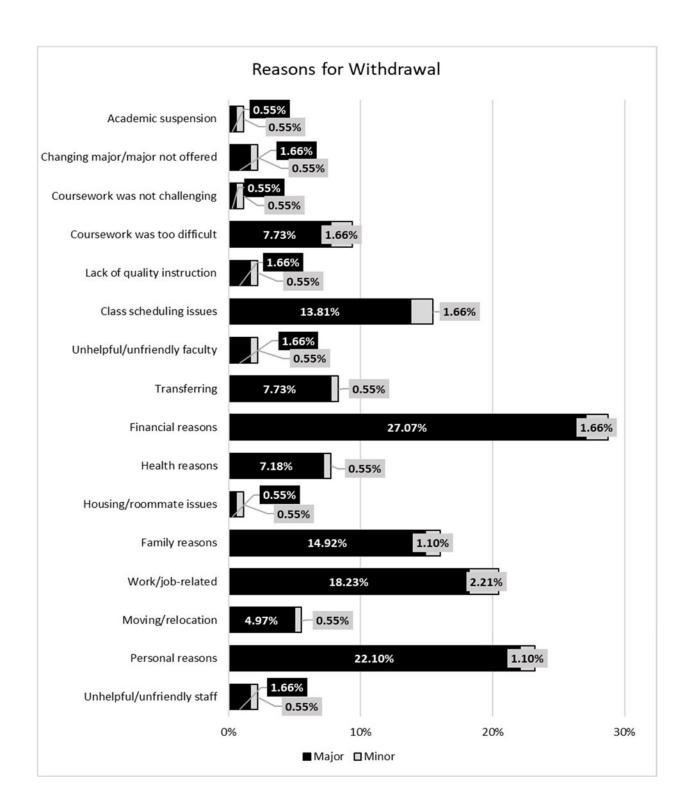
When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?

Response	Count	Percent
No	15	8.29%
Undecided	14	7.73%
Yes	136	75.14%
No answer	16	8.84%
Total	181	100.00%



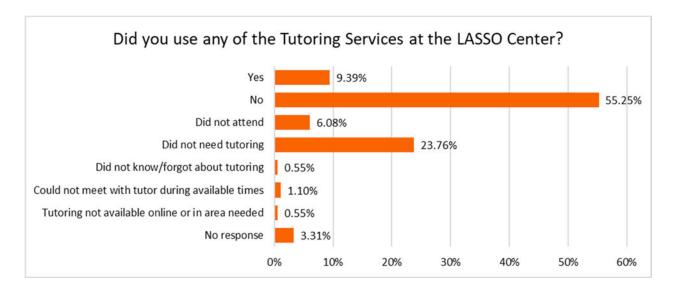
Reasons for withdrawal (select ALL that apply)

Response	Major	Minor	No response
Academic suspension	0.55%	0.55%	98.90%
Changing major/major not offered	1.66%	0.55%	97.79%
Coursework was not challenging	0.55%	0.55%	98.90%
Coursework was too difficult	7.73%	1.66%	90.61%
Lack of quality instruction	1.66%	0.55%	97.79%
Class scheduling issues	13.81%	1.66%	84.53%
Unhelpful/unfriendly faculty	1.66%	0.55%	97.79%
Transferring	7.73%	0.55%	91.71%
Financial reasons	27.07%	1.66%	71.27%
Health reasons	7.18%	0.55%	92.27%
Housing/roommate issues	0.55%	0.55%	98.90%
Family reasons	14.92%	1.10%	83.98%
Work/job-related	18.23%	2.21%	79.56%
Moving/relocation	4.97%	0.55%	94.48%
Personal reasons	22.10%	1.10%	76.80%
Unhelpful/unfriendly staff	1.66%	0.55%	97.79%



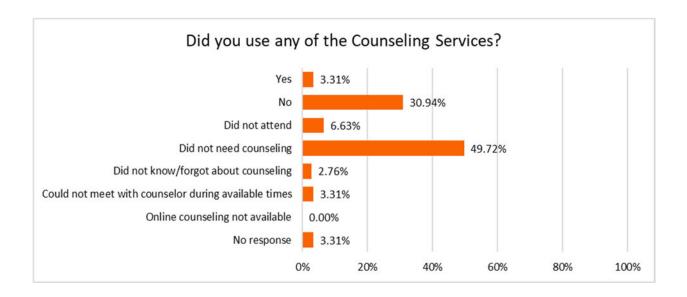
Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	17	9.39%
No	100	55.25%
Did not attend	11	6.08%
Did not need tutoring	43	23.76%
Did not know/forgot about tutoring	1	0.55%
Could not meet with tutor during available times	2	1.10%
Tutoring not available online or in area needed	1	0.55%
No response	6	3.31%
Total	181	100.00%



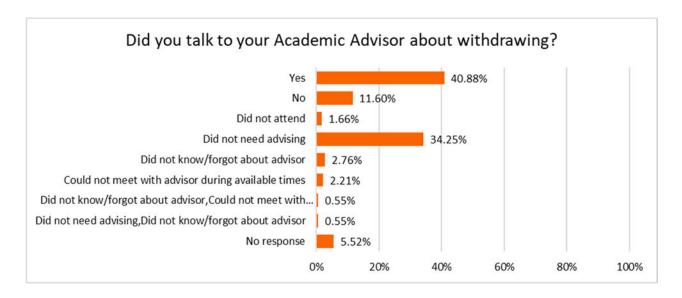
Did you use any of the Counseling Services? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	6	3.31%
No	56	30.94%
Did not attend	12	6.63%
Did not need counseling	90	49.72%
Did not know/forgot about counseling	5	2.76%
Could not meet with counselor during available times	6	3.31%
Online counseling not available	0	0.00%
No response	6	3.31%
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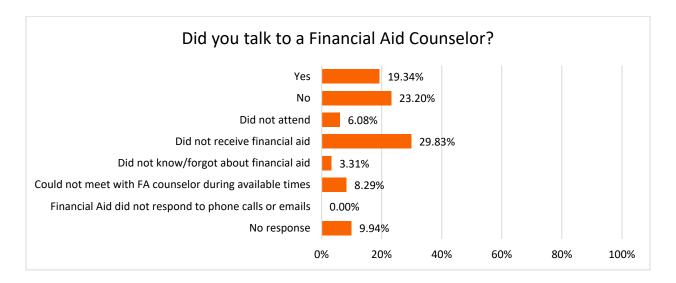
Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	74	40.88%
No	21	11.60%
Did not attend	3	1.66%
Did not need advising	62	34.25%
Did not know/forgot about advisor	5	2.76%
Could not meet with advisor during available times	4	2.21%
Did not know/forgot about advisor,Could not meet with advisor during available times	1	0.55%
Did not need advising, Did not know/forgot about advisor	1	0.55%
No response	10	5.52%
Total	181	100.00%



Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	35	19.34%
No	42	23.20%
Did not attend	11	6.08%
Did not receive financial aid	54	29.83%
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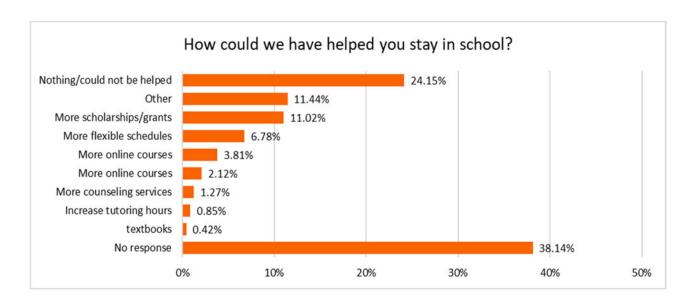


How could we have helped you stay in school?

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No response	90	38.14%
Nothing/could not be helped	57	24.15%
More scholarships/grants	26	11.02%
More flexible schedules	16	6.78%
More online courses	9	3.81%
More online courses	5	2.12%
More counseling services	3	1.27%
Increase tutoring hours	2	0.85%
textbooks	1	0.42%
Other	1	0.42%
Other: A internship.	1	0.42%
Other: Actual lectures	1	0.42%
Other: Being closer to home	1	0.42%
Other: COVID-19 no internship.	1	0.42%

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Other: find internship.	1	0.42%
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Other: I couldn't get there.	1	0.42%
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Other: I'm moving.	1	0.42%
Other: Interested in a different major.	1	0.42%
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Other: More help with internships.	1	0.42%
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Other: Needed medical issues taken care of.	1	0.42%
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Other: Upgrade O-Key.	1	0.42%
Other: Waiting for in class instruction.	1	0.42%
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I am very happy at OSUIT. See you in the fall 2020!

I called Thursday / Friday and no one answered. I didn't know where to send the paperwork.

I did not know that OSUIT hadn't received my FAFSA. I also didn't think I would need my books on the first few days of class. I wasn't prepared and already received several 0%.

I enjoyed my first semester summer 2020, and was looking forward to fall 2020 class. Wish materials were available.

I live on my own and I don't have the money right now so I was going to try and get financial aid for fall semester!

I love the school and the faculty and staff were always friendly and helpful.

I loved everything about this school. The way they services are ran here are amazing and I would not change a thing about it.

I plan to take o a full time job. This school schedule does not work for a full time worker.

I was also enrolled in OSU Stillwater and accepted a part-time job along with trying to finish up tech and high school.

Kathy Avery was a huge help that I would recommend to every students at OSUIT. Creative Technology staff & teachers were amazing and created real connections with me.

Make the High Voltage students study wire sizes and colors more.

My VA benefits were not going to be approved. I have to use a different option.

N/A Thank you!

Need more night classes for working students or online sections for classes offered.

Need night classes.

None at this time. Everyone had been very helpful.

None needed it is great.

Of course I liked the school. I liked the online flexibility. I would have graduated. I thought it was extremely stupid to let me for one semester and then cut me like that. I made straight A's. I was told it was my responsibility to make sure I was in compliance for your percentage of classes taken vs graded. OSU had my grades before I was even accepted. I should have been told day one what was going to happen and I would not have wasted money and a semester out of my life.

Online course offerings are great for students with physical disabilities.

OSU has been the best facility/college I've attended. My needs were always met and the staff was always so helpful and nice.

OSUIT has been a very positive experience. Due to new year workload it is to much on my time at this time.

OSUIT is a great school. I will be returning next trimester.

Schedules do not work with working adult schedules. Credits won't transfer to 4 year college.

Services from OSUIT have exceeded my expectations and I look forward to joining in the fall.

Services were great.

Thank you for offering yourselves. If I need to take summer classes again, I might re-enroll.

The services that were provided to me was very helpful and got me get as far as I could.

The staff are extremely friendly people, and very helpful.

The veterans counselor has been the most helpful staff member @ OSUIT.

This issue was caused by a breakdown in communication from botht he Department of Education and the collections company they used for my prior student loan.

Trying to obtain BSN in Nursing only needed a few gen ed classes Financial Aid was not covering.

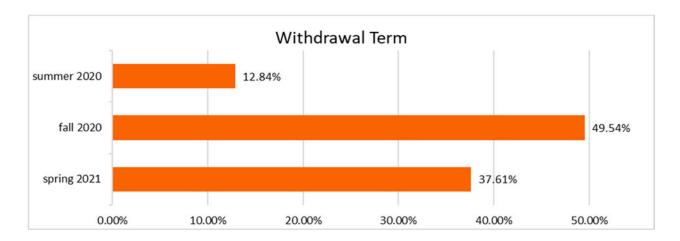
Wanted a big college feel.

Appendix C

Results for students who withdrew after census

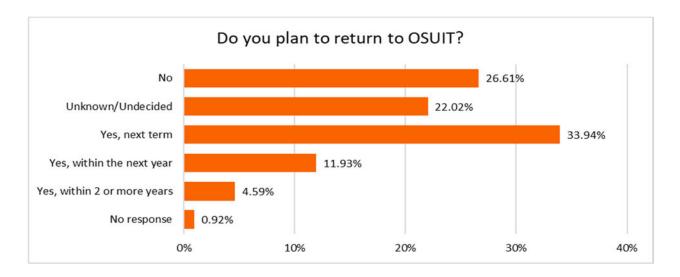
Withdrawal Term

Term	Count	Percent
summer 2020	14	12.84%
fall 2020	54	49.54%
spring 2021	41	37.61%
Total	109	100.00%



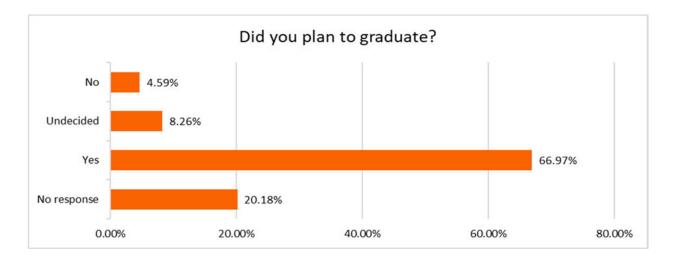
Do you plan to return to OSUIT?

Response	Count	Percent
No	29	26.61%
Unknown/Undecided	24	22.02%
Yes, next term	37	33.94%
Yes, within the next year	13	11.93%
Yes, within 2 or more years	5	4.59%
No response	1	0.92%
Total	109	100.00%



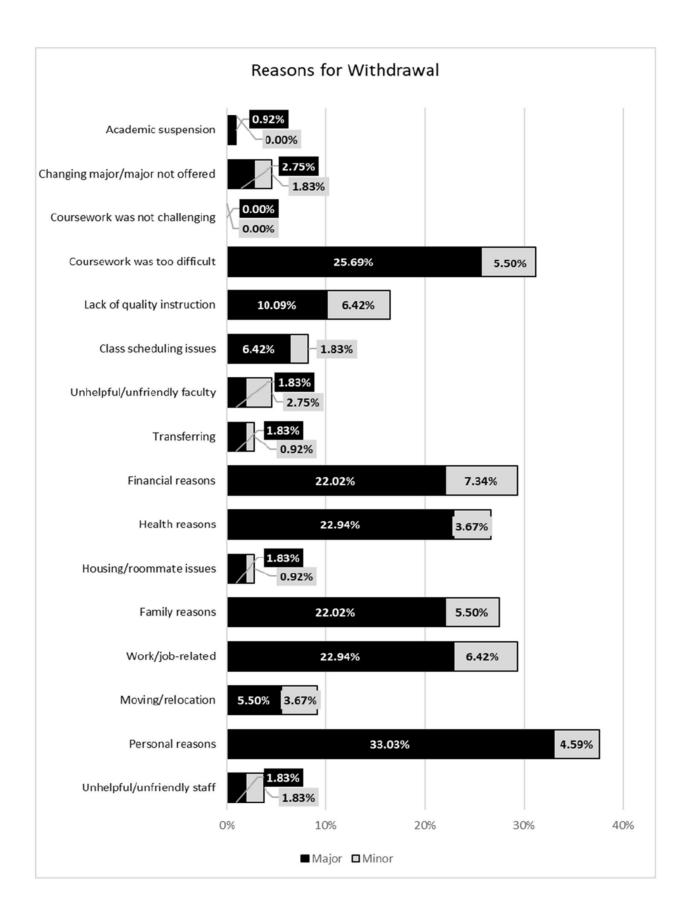
When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?

Response	Count	Percent
No	5	4.59%
Undecided	9	8.26%
Yes	73	66.97%
No response	22	20.18%
Total	109	100.00%



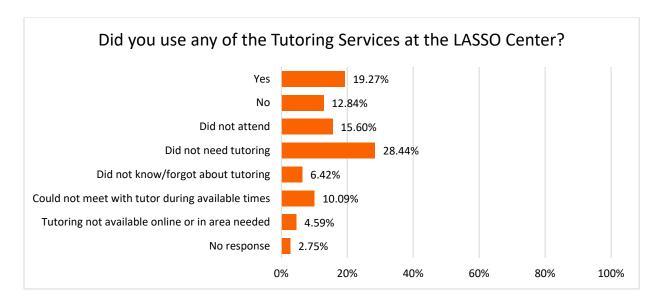
Reasons for Withdrawal

Response	Major	Minor	No Response
Academic suspension	0.92%	0.00%	99.08%
Changing major/major not offered	2.75%	1.83%	95.41%
Coursework was not challenging	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
Coursework was too difficult	25.69%	5.50%	68.81%
Lack of quality instruction	10.09%	6.42%	83.49%
Class scheduling issues	6.42%	1.83%	91.74%
Unhelpful/unfriendly faculty	1.83%	2.75%	95.41%
Transferring	1.83%	0.92%	97.25%
Financial reasons	22.02%	7.34%	70.64%
Health reasons	22.94%	3.67%	73.39%
Housing/roommate issues	1.83%	0.92%	97.25%
Family reasons	22.02%	5.50%	72.48%
Work/job-related	22.94%	6.42%	70.64%
Moving/relocation	5.50%	3.67%	90.83%
Personal reasons	33.03%	4.59%	62.39%
Unhelpful/unfriendly staff	1.83%	1.83%	96.33%



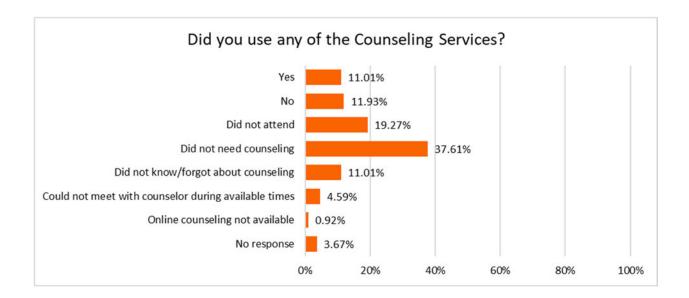
Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	21	19.27%
No	14	12.84%
Did not attend	17	15.60%
Did not need tutoring	31	28.44%
Did not know/forgot about tutoring	7	6.42%
Could not meet with tutor during available times	11	10.09%
Tutoring not available online or in area needed	5	4.59%
No response	3	2.75%
Total	109	100.00%



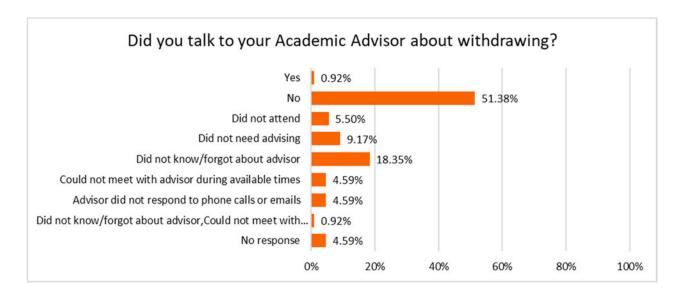
Did you use any of the Counseling Services?

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	12	11.01%
No	13	11.93%
Did not attend	21	19.27%
Did not need counseling	41	37.61%
Did not know/forgot about counseling	12	11.01%
Could not meet with counselor during available times	5	4.59%
Online counseling not available	1	0.92%
No response	4	3.67%
Total	109	100.00%



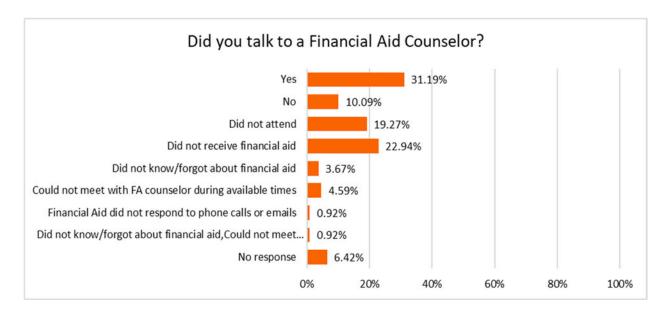
Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	1	0.92%
No	56	51.38%
Did not attend	6	5.50%
Did not need advising	10	9.17%
Did not know/forgot about advisor	20	18.35%
Could not meet with advisor during available times	5	4.59%
Advisor did not respond to phone calls or emails	5	4.59%
Did not know/forgot about advisor, Could not meet with advisor during available times, Advisor did not respond to phone calls or emails	1	0.92%
No response	5	4.59%
Total	109	100.00%



Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor? (select one)

Response	Count	Percent
Yes	34	31.19%
No	11	10.09%
Did not attend	21	19.27%
Did not receive financial aid	25	22.94%
Did not know/forgot about financial aid	4	3.67%
Could not meet with FA counselor during available times	5	4.59%
Financial Aid did not respond to phone calls or emails	1	0.92%
Did not know/forgot about financial aid, Could not meet with FA counselor during available times	1	0.92%
No response	7	6.42%
Total	109	100.00%

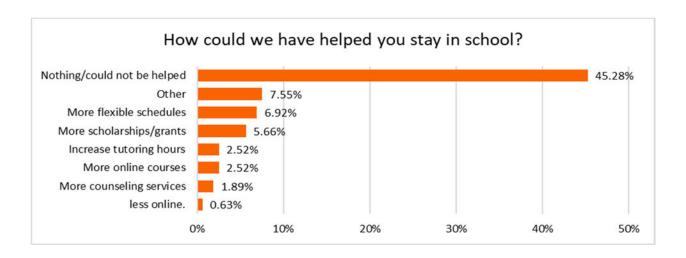


How could we have helped you stay in school?

Response	Count	Percent
Nothing/could not be helped	72	45.28%
More flexible schedules	11	6.92%
More scholarships/grants	9	5.66%
Increase tutoring hours	4	2.52%
More online courses	4	2.52%
More counseling services	3	1.89%
less online.	1	0.63%
Other: Full financial aid.	1	0.63%
Other: I just need a break.	1	0.63%
Other: In-class sessions.	1	0.63%
Other: Lengthen drop w/ full refund date to 15th day of class.	1	0.63%

Response	Count	Percent
Other: Less online courses.	1	0.63%
Other: More in school	1	0.63%
Other: Need classroom environment	1	0.63%
Other: No online courses.	1	0.63%
Other: Nothing my mother is ill.	1	0.63%
Other: On campus classes (other than lab)	1	0.63%
Other: On-campus classes.	1	0.63%
Other: Wrong course.	1	0.63%
No response	43	27.04%
Total	159	100.00%

^{*}Due to multiple responses on paper forms, total differs from number of respondents.



Any comments or suggestions?

All services offered were fine and helpful.

Being in person classes

Broken hand

Course hours need/needs to be increased to fully understand work.

COVID pandemic made it not possible to stay in the dorm and we verbalized a request to move out of the dorm and was told no we had to pay --- and buy gas

Culinary program needs work; don't understand students have lives outside of school & emergencies happen. Culinary program needs attention; problem's not solved(?).

Everyone I have talked to has been very helpful. Thank you! I am returning in the summer 2021.

Extremely good faculty.

Fantastic. I have to look after my mother my father died 40 years ago and I promised him I would look after my mother.

I already graduated, thought I might need this class for my next degree.

I asked for someone to contact me about my coursework.

I have informed the LOON of the of the reasons of the withdrawal.

I needed to go back and refresh on Algebra 1&2, then go to College Algebra. C#, it was tough material and it relied on information outside the content.

I plan to attend school fall 2021 to continue my Associates.

I really enjoyed the Power Plant program.

I struggled a lot with online learning. Also I have had a lot of home issues to deal with this semester.

I was looking for study in the areas of machine learning.

I will be re-inrolling ASAP Health problems resolved My withdrawl is completely health related.

I will be returning in the fall fully prepared to succeed.

If date of withdrawal will leave me still owing money for class, contact me. Withdrawing from History.

In person classes; made statements on other forms (On official withdrawal form, he stated "Transferring to UCO because not being offered in person format for requested classes 3 semesters in a row."

Job related; will enroll for fall semester 2021

Just need to drop class before I am charged please.

Looking forward to coming back more organized and confident and in better shape personally mentally and a more better stable condition.

More on campus options for IT program for above question [How could we have helped you stay in school?]

More teachers to make sure students know about assignments both in person and online.

Νo

No, I've had a great experience and hope to be readmitted to Nursing.

Nothing is wrong with the school, I'm dealing with personal issues.

OSUIT is a great school. I misread the dates for summer session. I will enroll immediately for fall semester.

Please tell me/and other concurrent students when the course is a compressed class, and early or late start/end

Recovering from COVID-19 has taken longer than expected and, unfortunately affected my attendance in class. I will be returning in summer 2021 to complete these classes.

School was great & teachers. This was due to family matter.

Suggest schedules become more flexible.

The services offered are good.

Three surgeries scheduled in near future. Forced to retire so school is on bottom of priority list.

Withdrawing for medical reasons.

Withdrawing for mental health reasons. Classes being online and not in-person due to the pandemic added to the stress. I learn better in-person.

Your office of academic accommodations did nothing to help me when I needed guidance on how to apply.

Appendix D

Five-year comparison

Withdrawal Term

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Summer	37.21%	14.80%	26.02%	14.81%	25.63%	25.52%
Fall	37.21%	43.95%	54.47%	52.47%	47.81%	44.48%
Spring	20.54%	40.81%	19.51%	32.72%	26.56%	30.00%
(Did not answer)	5.04%	0.45%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

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Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Cancel	35.27%	48.88%	58.54%	58.02%	56.88%	62.41%
Withdrawal	63.57%	48.88%	36.99%	41.98%	43.13%	37.59%
(Did not answer)	1.16%	2.24%	4.47%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

Do you plan to return to OSUIT?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Yes	53.88%	63.64%	48.37%	62.04%	54.38%	46.55%
No	36.82%	36.36%	46.75%	35.49%	42.50%	29.31%
(Did not answer)	9.30%	1.35%	4.88%	2.47%	3.13%	24.14%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Yes	77.13%	83.86%	84.96%	87.04%	84.69%	72.07%
No	5.43%	4.04%	4.88%	5.86%	4.38%	6.90%
Undecided	7.36%	10.76%	8.94%	4.94%	8.75%	7.93%
(Did not answer)	10.08%	1.00%	1.22%	2.16%	2.19%	13.10%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

Reasons for Withdrawal (Mark all that apply.)

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
(Did not answer)	4.32%	0.62%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.34%
Academic suspension	0.00%	0.41%	0.45%	0.28%	0.50%	1.00%
Accepted full-time job	4.50%	6.02%	8.64%	5.77%	4.79%	0.00%
Conflict between job and school	5.44%	6.43%	10.45%	4.65%	6.27%	26.70%
Could not find a job on campus	0.38%	0.41%	0.00%	0.28%	0.50%	0.00%
Coursework was not challenging	0.38%	0.21%	0.45%	0.56%	0.00%	0.70%
Coursework was too difficult	1.88%	2.07%	6.36%	1.83%	2.31%	17.60%
Did not budget correctly	3.94%	2.90%	7.27%	2.54%	2.31%	0.00%
Family reasons	10.69%	9.34%	17.73%	10.14%	8.75%	20.30%
Financial reasons	7.88%	9.96%	19.09%	8.17%	10.73%	29.00%
Financial suspension	1.50%	1.87%	5.91%	1.41%	1.16%	0.00%
Health reasons	4.13%	6.02%	9.09%	5.77%	4.62%	14.80%
Home sick	1.13%	0.41%	4.55%	1.13%	0.66%	0.00%
Housing/roommate issues	0.75%	0.62%	0.91%	0.85%	0.83%	1.70%
Lack of financial aid	3.94%	4.77%	8.18%	4.51%	4.13%	0.00%
Lack of quality of instruction	1.31%	1.04%	0.91%	1.55%	2.31%	7.60%
Lack of study skills needed	1.31%	1.87%	2.73%	0.85%	1.49%	0.00%
Learned all I wanted at this time	0.56%	0.21%	2.27%	0.70%	0.66%	0.00%
Major not offered at OSUIT	1.69%	2.70%	1.36%	1.69%	1.82%	3.10%
Moving/relocation	4.32%	3.73%	9.09%	3.52%	2.97%	6.90%
My job does not require more college	0.19%	0.41%	0.91%	0.42%	1.49%	0.00%
Other (please specify)	11.07%	8.71%	20.45%	9.15%	10.56%	0.00%
Scheduling issues	3.00%	3.32%	13.18%	3.94%	3.30%	12.80%
Taking a break from school	5.82%	3.94%	13.18%	7.32%	6.93%	0.00%
Too many requirements	0.94%	0.00%	0.91%	0.70%	0.83%	0.00%
Personal reasons*						28.60%
Unhelpful/unfriendly faculty*						3.10%
Unhelpful/unfriendly staff*						2.80%

^{*}New or expanded category as of 2021 survey.

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages based on number of responses, not respondents.

Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Yes	16.28%	9.87%	12.20%	11.11%	11.88%	13.10%
No	73.26%	88.79%	85.37%	87.35%	86.56%	83.79%
(Did not answer)	10.47%	93.00%	2.44%	1.54%	1.56%	3.10%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

Did you use any of the Counseling Services?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Yes	8.91%	9.87%	7.32%	8.02%	7.19%	6.21%
No	80.23%	88.34%	89.43%	90.74%	91.25%	90.34%
(Did not answer)	10.85%	1.79%	3.25%	1.23%	1.56%	3.40%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Yes	40.70%	37.67%	34.96%	33.33%	37.19%	44.83%
No	44.57%	58.74%	58.13%	64.20%	59.06%	51.38%
(Did not answer)	14.73%	3.59%	6.91%	2.47%	3.75%	5.17%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
Yes	33.33%	32.74%	29.27%	28.09%	25.31%	23.79%
No	51.94%	59.19%	64.23%	66.05%	71.25%	67.93%
(Did not answer)	14.73%	8.07%	6.50%	5.86%	3.44%	8.62%
Total Responses	258	223	246	324	320	290

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

How could we have helped you stay in school?

Responses	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
More scholarships/grants	15.50%	11.21%	9.35%	9.57%	10.00%	8.86%
Increase tutoring hours	1.16%	6.28%	8.54% 8.95%		1.25%	1.52%
More online courses	3.88%	0.90%	1.22%	0.93%	0.63%	4.56%
More flexible schedules	8.91%	1.35%	0.41%	1.54%	13.75%	6.84%
More counseling services	1.55%	13.90%	13.41%	12.65%	11.25%	1.52%
Other (please specify)	25.19%	32.29%	35.77%	42.59%	23.75%	10.38%
Nothing/Could not be helped*						32.66%
(Did not answer)	51.16%	42.60%	38.62%	31.48%	48.13%	45.86%
Cumulative Percent	107.36%	108.52%	107.32%	107.72%	108.80%	112.20%

^{*}New category as of the 2021 survey; previously, most often cited as "other" response.

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question.

Appendix E

Copy of revised Student Withdrawal Request form with Withdrawal Survey



Student Withdrawal Request

Print or Type All Information

The official date of withdrawal is the last date of class attendance.

Refunds and grades will be determind by this date in accordance with OSUIT withdrawal policy.

NOTE: A withdrawal may require returning Financial Aid, thus creating a student account bill.

NameC	WID Date
Are you receiving veteran/military education ber	nefits?
Program of StudySem	Last Day of Class Attendance
Reason for Withdrawal:	
Forwarding Information:	
Address	CityState/Zip
County Phone N	umber Alt Phone Number
Date of Birth/ Email A	Address
	No When?
	wing department(s) prior to withdrawal from school. Comments / Signatures from Advisors:
Academic Department / Advisor	Commons / Signatures from The visitors
Bursar's Office / Cashier's Office	
Bursar's Office / Casiner's Office	
Student Financial Services	
Residential Life (on-campus students only)	
Have you contacted the above departments?	☐ Yes ☐ No, I accept all responsibilities for my withdrawal.
I accept any and all academic and financial co	onsequences of my withdrawal from OSUIT.
Signature of Student:	Date:
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
☐ Withdrawal (student has attended)	
☐ Cancel (Student has never attended)	Processed
☐ University Appeals Committee:	Date
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(Please complete reverse side)



Student Withdrawal Request, Continued

Please complete this survey regarding why you are leaving OSUIT. Your response is important and always kept private and confidential. Your responses, combined with other responses, help us improve student services. Email Institutional Research at iar@okstate.edu with questions about this survey.

What term are you dropping	g/withdra	awing from	m?	O Summer	O Fall O S	pring			
Do you plan to re-enroll at CO Yes, next term O Yes		(Select or the next y		O Yes.within	2 or more years	O Unkno	own/Unde	cided	O No
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When you first enrolled, were	e you pla	nning to g	raduate fro	m OSUIT? (Sel	ect one option)	O Yes	O No		
Why are you leaving?		Major Reason	Minor Reason	N/A			Major Reason	Minor Reason	N/A
Academic suspension		0	0	0	Financial reaso	ns	•	0	0
Changing major/Major not of	offered	0	0	0	Health reasons		0	0	0
Coursework was not challer	ging	0	•	0	Housing/Room	mate issues	•	0	0
Coursework was too difficu	lt	0	•	0	Family reasons		0	O	0
Lack of quality instruction		0	0	0	Work/Job relate	ed	0	0	0
Class scheduling issues		0	0	•	Moving/Reloca	ation	•	0	0
Unhelpful/Unfriendly facult	у	0	0	0	Personal reason	ns	0	0	0
Transferring		0	0	0	Unhelpful/Unfi	riendly staff	0	0	•
Did you use any of the Tuto	ring Ser	vices at th	ne LASSO	Center? (Selec	t one)				
O Yes	O Did not need tutoring			OCould not meet with tutor during available times					
O Did not attend O Did not know/forgot about tutoring			O Tutoring not available online or in area needed						
Did you use any of the Cour	nseling S	Services?	Select one	e)					
O Yes				Could not me	et with couns	elor during	, available	etimes	
O Did not attend O Did not know/forgot about counseling			Online counseling not available						
Did you talk to your Acader	nic Adv	isor about	withdrawi	ing? (Select on	e)				
O Yes O Did not need advising			O Could not meet with advisor during available times						
O Did not attend	O Did not attend O Did not know/forgot about advising			Advisor did not respond to phone calls or emails					
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How could we have helped	you stay	in school	?						
• More flexible schedules • Increase tutoring hours			More scholarships/grants						
O More counseling services		O Nothing/Cou	ld not be help	ed					
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