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**Subject:** Survey Regarding ATU Library Hours

## **PURPOSE**

A group of four students in the Technical Writing class constructed a survey asking about the participants feeling's towards the ATU library hours. The library is a place where every student has been at one point or another, so this topic seemed valid.

## **PROCEDURE**

The following questions appeared on our survey:

1. What is your age?  Under 18  18-23  24 or over
2. Do you live on or off campus?  On  Off
3. Do you have access to a personal computer outside of the library?  Yes  No
4. Which of the following do you think the library hours should be:  
 Leave the hours as they are.  
 Open Later  
 Open 24 hours a day.

After combining all of the surveys that were completed, it was found that forty-two people participated in our survey. These surveys were separated by whether or not the participant lived on or off campus. These two groups were then separated by whether or not the participant had or didn't have access to a computer outside of the library. These two groups were again separated by their answer to the fourth question on the survey.

Table 1 was created by separating the participants by age and whether or not they lived on or off campus. The possible responses for each group were one of three choices: leave the hours as they are, have the library stay open later, or to have the library remain open 24 hours a day. The totals for each were then converted into percentages and recorded in the table.

In creating Table 1, I decided to leave out the question concerning whether or not the participant had access to a personal computer outside the library. I believe this question did not affect the results all too much, because some participants might have feelings towards the hours even if they had access to a computer. The library houses a lot more means of research besides computer access.

**Table 1: Survey of Responses Concerning Library Hours**

Age		Library Hours Should Be:		
		Remain Unchanged	Open Later	Open 24 hours
Under 18	Live On Campus	0%	50%	50%
Under 18	Live Off Campus	0%	0%	100%
Under 18	Total	0%	33%	67%
18 – 23	Live On Campus	29%	53%	18%
18 – 23	Live Off Campus	38%	31%	31%
18 – 23	Total	33%	43%	23%
24 & over	Live On Campus	...	...	...
24 & over	Live Off Campus	33%	44%	22%
24 & over	Total	33%	44%	22%
Grand Total		31%	42%	26%

**RESULTS**

No participants surveyed fit the category or 24 & over who live on campus so no information was recorded in that category.

The majority of participants surveyed fell into the age group 18 – 23. 30 out of 42 (or 71%) are the exact numbers. Under 18 had a total of 3 out of 42 (or 7%) and age 24 and over had 9 out of 42 (or 21%).

The group of people who were under 18 and lived on campus were spit 50 – 50 on having the library stay open later and it remaining open 24 hours. Those people who were under 18 living off campus tallied in at 100% saying the library should stay open all day and night.

Those participants falling in the category of age 18 – 23 living on campus proved that they would like the library to stay open later by a response of 53% of the vote. Those who are age 18 - 23 living off campus reported that they believe the hours are fine the way they are and should remain unchanged.

The nine people who were surveyed who fell into the category of over the age of 24 (who all live off campus) responded by a margin of 44% saying that they would like the library to keep their doors open longer than they currently do.

## **CONCLUSION**

The issue of whether or not the library should change their hours can't be determined on the responses of forty-two people, but just by this survey it can be seen that the library might want to review their hours policy. It is shown in almost every category that most people believe the library should stay open later if not 24 hours.