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FSD2139 SURVEY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN FIVE FINNISH UNIVERSITIES 2005: PARTIAL DATA

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APPENDIX A

Dear foreign degree student,

The student unions of the Helsinki University of Technology, University of Helsinki, University of Jyväskylä, University of Tampere and University of Turku are conducting together a survey on foreign degree students to gather data about their opinions on studying, student services and the idea of starting to collect tuition fees in Finnish universities. The results will help in improving our services for foreign degree students as well as to represent foreign students more efficiently.

To participate in the survey, please complete the questionnaire at <http://yokunta.hyy.helsinki.fi/survey2005/> To login, please use your full e-mail address, to which this message has been sent. Filling the questionnaire will take 5-10 minutes. We kindly ask you to answer by 13th of March.

The questionnaire has been sent to all foreign students currently enrolled in a degree programme in the above mentioned universities. Address information has been taken from universities' student registers. All responses are confidential and will be handled anonymously by the researcher of the survey, Johanna Kärki. A research report containing findings will be published in May 2005.

By participating in the survey, you will be eligible to win a gift voucher worth €100 to the department house Sokos. In addition, ten respondents will receive a free ticket to any Finnkino movie theatre.

If you have any questions, or would like further information about the research project or questionnaire, please contact Johanna Kärki (johkar@utu.fi) or the secretary of international affairs of your student union.

We thank you very much for your time and co-operation!

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APPENDIX B

SURVEY ON FOREIGN DEGREE STUDENTS HYY, JYY, Tamy, TKY, TYY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Age:

Gender: M F

Nationality:

How long have you lived in Finland?

University

Faculty

Are you currently studying for

___ A Bachelors degree ___ B Masters degree ___ C Doctoral degree (PhD)

How many years have you studies for your current degree? _____

Previous degree (or equivalent) Bachelors / Masters / Doctorate (PhD) / Other / None

IMMIGRATION TO FINLAND

HOW IMPORTANT WERE THE FOLLOWING FACTORS IN YOUR DECISION TO MOVE TO FINLAND? (1=not at all important, 5=very important)

A Pursuing a university degree	1	2	3	4	5
B Finnish industry reputation	1	2	3	4	5
C Free education	1	2	3	4	5
D Prior knowledge of Finland	1	2	3	4	5
E Experiencing a foreign country	1	2	3	4	5
G Career development	1	2	3	4	5
H Hardship in home country	1	2	3	4	5
I High Finnish standard of living	1	2	3	4	5
J Other:	1	2	3	4	5

How important were the following factors in your decision to study at the university you are currently studying in? (1=not at all important, 5=very important)

A Free education	1	2	3	4	5
B Possibility of studying in English	1	2	3	4	5
C Learning Finnish/Swedish	1	2	3	4	5
D Good reputation of the university	1	2	3	4	5
E Quality of research and teaching in my study field	1	2	3	4	5
G Employment chances after studies	1	2	3	4	5
H Quality of student facilities	1	2	3	4	5
I Academic freedom/independence	1	2	3	4	5
J Desire to complete prior studies	1	2	3	4	5

K Need to do a sensible thing to occupy time 1 2 3 4 5
L Other: 1 2 3 4 5

SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC INTEGRATION

12. How well-integrated do you feel in Finnish society? 1 2 3 4 5
(1=haven't integrated at all, 5=have integrated very well)

13. How well do you intend to know
Finnish/Swedish by the time you graduate? 1 2 3 4 5
(1=not at all, 2=basic knowledge, 3=adequate, 4=good, 5=excellent)

14. Rank the 3 most important people who make your adjustment/integration in Finland easier (e.g. by giving information/guidance about culture and the way of life or practical matters; 1=most important 2=second important 3=third important)

- A Family in Finland
- B Girl- or boyfriend in Finland
- C Friends
- D International student community
- E Your ethnic community
- F Finnish student community
- G People you have met through your hobbies
- H Work colleagues
- I Student advisor
- K Other:

15. Do you feel you've been discriminated against because of your ethnic/cultural background?
No Yes, where and how?

16. Approximate no. of Finnish credits earned at the university you are currently studying in?

17. How satisfied are you with the following? (1=very dissatisfied, 5=very satisfied)

- A Quality of teaching 1 2 3 4 5
- B Assessment methods (exams etc.) 1 2 3 4 5
- C Availability of courses in English 1 2 3 4 5
- D Degree requirements 1 2 3 4 5
- E Finnish language courses 1 2 3 4 5
- F Swedish language courses 1 2 3 4 5
- G Computing services 1 2 3 4 5
- H Library services 1 2 3 4 5
- I University administration 1 2 3 4 5
- J Student Health Services (YTHS) 1 2 3 4 5
- K Housing services 1 2 3 4 5
- L Student union services 1 2 3 4 5

18. How satisfied are you with academic guidance received from the relevant persons:

A Teachers	1	2	3	4	5
B Thesis supervisor	1	2	3	4	5
C Student tutors	1	2	3	4	5
D Other students	1	2	3	4	5
E University information services	1	2	3	4	5
F I don't have an idea from whom to ask for guidance...	1	2	3	4	5

19. Have your studies progressed as expected or planned?

Yes No, why not?

20. Would you have chosen your current university as a place for studies if you had to pay tuition fees?

Yes No

If yes how much would you be willing to pay for your studies

- ___ A under 1000€ per year
- ___ B 1000-3000€ per year
- ___ C 3000-6000€ per year
- ___ D 6000-12000€ per year
- ___ E 12000-18000€ per year

If no, why not?

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME & FUTURE PLANS

21. What is your main activity at the moment?

- ___ A Studying
- ___ B Studying and working part-time
- ___ C Working
- ___ D Studying, but looking for work
- ___ E Maternity/paternity/ childcare leave
- ___ F Other:

22. If you are currently working, is your work related to your studies? (1=not at all, 2=somewhat, 3=fully=)

1 2 3

23. Estimation of your monthly expenses

- A less than 300€
- B 300-600€
- C 600-900€
- D more than 900€

24. Rank the top three sources of funding for your studies/living expences at the moment?

- A Finnish government grant (opintotuki)
- B Scholarship form home country
- C Scholarship from Finland
- D Work
- E Savings
- F Loan
- G Parental or family support
- H Income from spouse or partner
- I Other:

25. What are your plans after you finish your studies in Finland?

- A I'll stay in Finland. Why? What will you do?
- B I'll go somewhere else. Where? Why? To do what?
- C I'd like to stay in Finland but I can't. Why not?
- D I don't know. Why not?

26. What do you think are the biggest obstacles to getting a job in Finland? Rank the top 3 (1=biggest)

- A Knowledge of Finnish/Swedish
- B Ethnic/cultural/religious discrimination
- C Lack of access to job searching information
- D Lack of right contacts
- E Lack of relevant work experience
- F Inappropriate/wrong field of study
- G Residence permit restrictions
- H Other:

27. What else do you wish to say as a foreign degree student?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING!!!