2023 Annual Survey Preliminary Report: Clubs/Groups Involvement
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Overview
The most recent Annual Survey (n=2,668) ran in November and December 2023. This document focuses on the standard clubs/groups involvement question: "The UASU supports a diverse ecosystem of clubs and other student groups. BearsDen lists almost 400 of them. Have you been involved in student groups this semester?" All three surveys ran at the same time of year and had 2500-4000 responses.

Over 40% were involved in clubs/groups for the third year in a row. Cross-tabulations revealed significantly improved involvement among disabled students, Indigenous students, and second-year students, and completely transformed numbers specific to Middle Eastern and North African students. There are strong implications for the growth and regrowth of student civil society and engagement.

Year of Study
Last year, a falloff among second- and third-year students provoked concern. In Fall 2023, the third-year rate partially rebounded. The second-year rate increased by 50%.
Disability
Disabled students face a variety of individual barriers to involvement, so tracking their involvement in student clubs/groups is vital. For the second year in a row, disabled students were much more likely than other students to be very involved.

Indigenous Students
First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit students saw a similar increase in club/group involvement; FNMI students' rate of 'very involved' almost doubled in two years.

Middle Eastern and/or North African Students
By far the largest shift in this question centred on students who self-identified as Middle Eastern and/or North African (MENA). Their 'very involved' rate doubled, their 'a little involved' rate rose sharply again, and their disinterest rate halved.