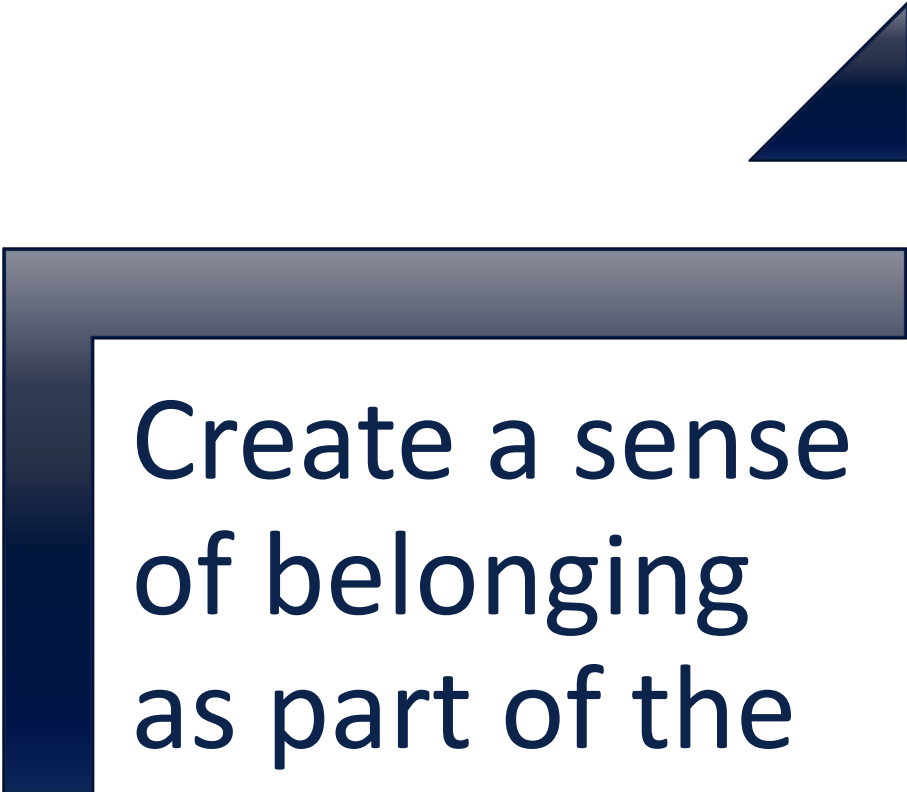




# OFFERING AN EXTENDED ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR INCOMING MAIN CAMPUS STUDENTS

BEGINNING IN FALL 2022

# WHY OFFER ADDITIONAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMMING?



Create a sense  
of belonging  
as part of the  
Wildcat family



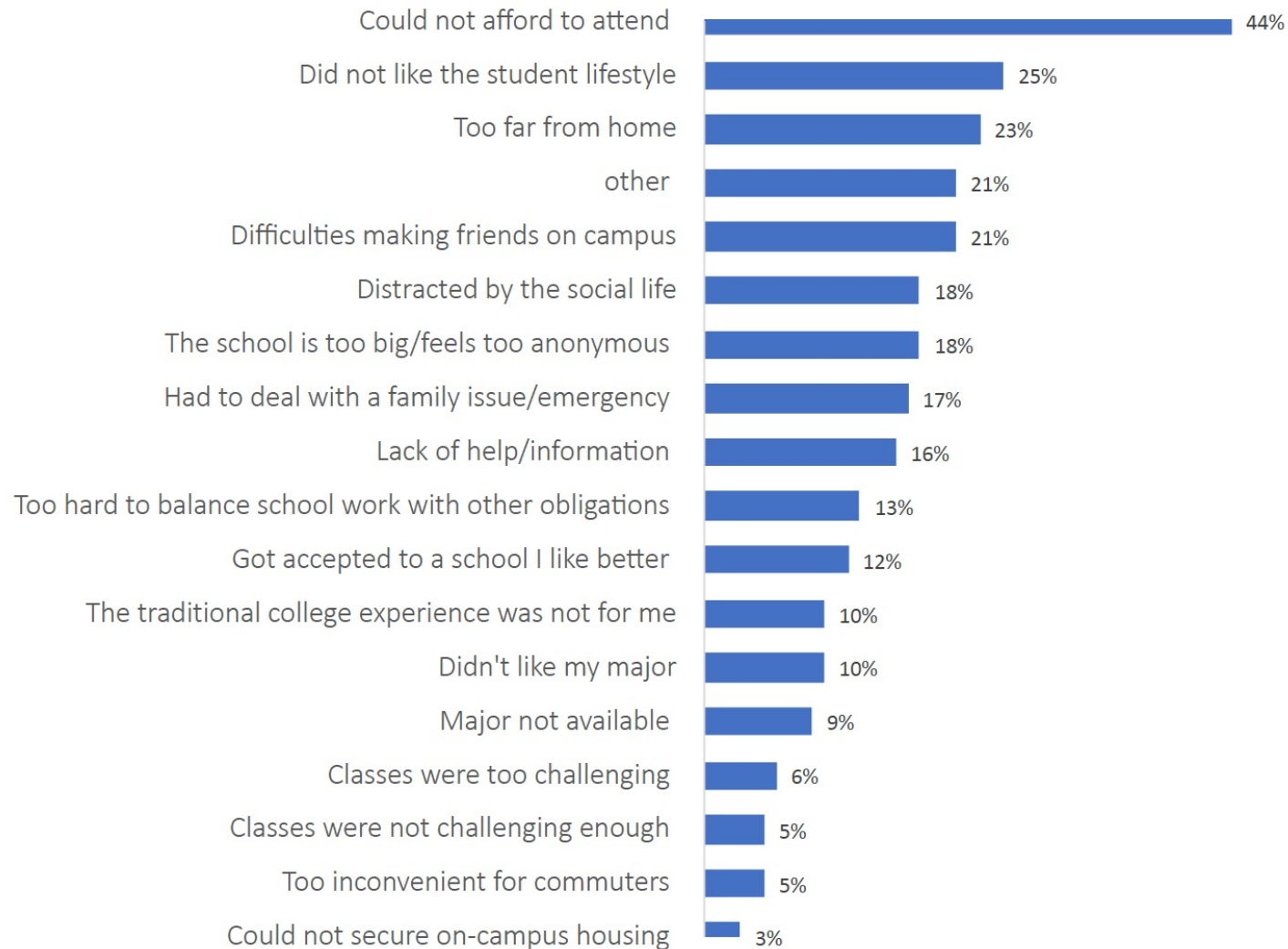
Increase  
retention and  
completion

# WHAT IS SENSE OF BELONGING?

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“Sense of belonging refers to students’ perceived social support on campus, a feeling or sensation of connectedness, and the experience of mattering or feeling cared about, accepted, respected, valued by, and important to the campus community or others on campus such as faculty, staff, and peers.<sup>1</sup>”

# WHY DO ARIZONA STUDENTS LEAVE?



**65%**

of undergraduate and **68%** of graduate students felt as though they belong at the UA

# RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## Iowa State University

- Retention increase of 7-9%
- Saw biggest gains in retention into 3<sup>rd</sup> year

## Kansas State University

- Participants retention was 31% higher than non-participant
- Significant differences between first semester grade point average for students who participated

## University of Minnesota

- Students who attended program had statistically significant and higher sense of belonging, fall/spring cumulative grade point averages, and higher retention rates
- Students who attended were 28% more likely to return the following year

## Louisiana State University

- Students who participate are 30% more likely to be retained to the second year than their peers that did not participate in the program

# SUCCESSFUL EXTENDED ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

Auburn  
University

Clemson  
University

Duke  
University

Georgia Tech  
University

Iowa State  
University

Miami  
University

Minnesota  
State  
University

Texas A&M  
University

University of  
Colorado -  
Boulder

University of  
Kentucky

University of  
Tennessee at  
Knoxville

University of  
Utah

University of  
Washington

# FUNDING EXTENDED ORIENTATION

## Small increase in the Enrollment Fee

- Effective for Fall 2022 enrollees
- Pell eligible students can defer the Enrollment Fee until Fall aid disbursement

## Redistribution of current Enrollment Fees collected

- Programming traditionally paid for by departments would remain, i.e. Welcome Picnic

# NEXT STEPS



The Office of Orientation and New Student Services will lead the planning and implementation of this effort in conjunction with a committee of campus partners



A full plan will be developed throughout Summer and Fall 2021



Program launch will align with the new General Education curriculum