In an effort to determine the value and benefits of living in the Residence Halls, members of the Re-contracting Committee administered a 5-question, qualitative survey to 39 residents within Morse Complex. Resident Assistants solicited input from residents using a set of agreed upon questions:

1. Why did you choose to live on campus?
2. What, in your opinion are the benefits of living on campus?
3. What do you like most about your current living situation?
4. How active are you within your floor community?
5. Do you plan to live on campus next year? Why or why not?

Survey Responses

1. **Why did you choose to live on campus?**
   a. 41% of responders indicated convenience as a reason for on-campus living
   b. 21% of responders indicated that cost factored into their choice for on-campus living
      - 15% specifically mentioned that the residence halls were less expensive than off-campus housing
   c. 13% of responders mentioned community engagement a reason for choosing on-campus living
   d. 33% mentioned one of the following as additional reasoning for living on-campus
      - Safety
      - Requirement (International)
      - Outside circumstances

2. **What, in your opinion, are the benefits of living on campus?**
   a. 79% of responders indicated that convenience stood out as a benefit of on-campus living.
   b. 51% of responders noted social interaction and/or community as a benefit of on-campus living.
   c. 7% of responders indicated that safety was a benefit of living on-campus.

3. **What do you like most about your current living situation**
   a. 23% of responders indicated location and convenience
   b. 31% of responders indicated their floor community and physical proximity to other students and friends
   c. 23% of responders indicated that having a private room was the most positive aspect of their current situation

4. **How active are you with your floor community?**
   a. 23% of responders indicated that they were very active in their floor community
   b. 10% of responders indicated that they were active in their floor community
   c. 41% of responders indicated that they were somewhat active in their floor community
   d. 25% of responders indicated that they were not active in their floor community

5. **Do you plan to live on campus next year? Why or why not?**
   a. 30% of responders indicated that they plan to live in the halls for the 2012-13 academic year
      - 16% indicated cost as their reasoning
      - 16% indicated convenience as their reasoning
      - 33% indicated social interaction as their reasoning
   b. 41% of responders indicated that they did not plan to live in the halls for the 2012-13 academic year
      - 25% indicated they were leaving the University
      - 12% indicated that they would move into Greek housing
      - 12% indicated that living off-campus was more cost effective
      - 50% indicated that they would get an apartment off-campus
      - Did not want roommates
      - More independence
      - Desire to live on their own
c. 23% of responders indicated that they had not yet decided where they would live for the 2012-13 academic year.

Summary & Conclusion

- Social interaction and convenience stand out as the primary reasons residents choose to live in our upperclass residence hall (Morse).
- Despite seemingly positive responses to living on-campus, 30% of responders indicated that they would seek off-campus housing.

Future Considerations

A large amount of data was omitted due to a deviation from the agreed upon questions. That is, several of the survey administrators deviated from the agreed upon questions. Furthermore, it is unclear whether or not the survey was distributed indiscriminately and our sample size was quite small. It is possible that data was collected from residents who were known to enjoy their time in the halls. Future surveys should be more intentional with regards to question administration, random sampling and sample size.