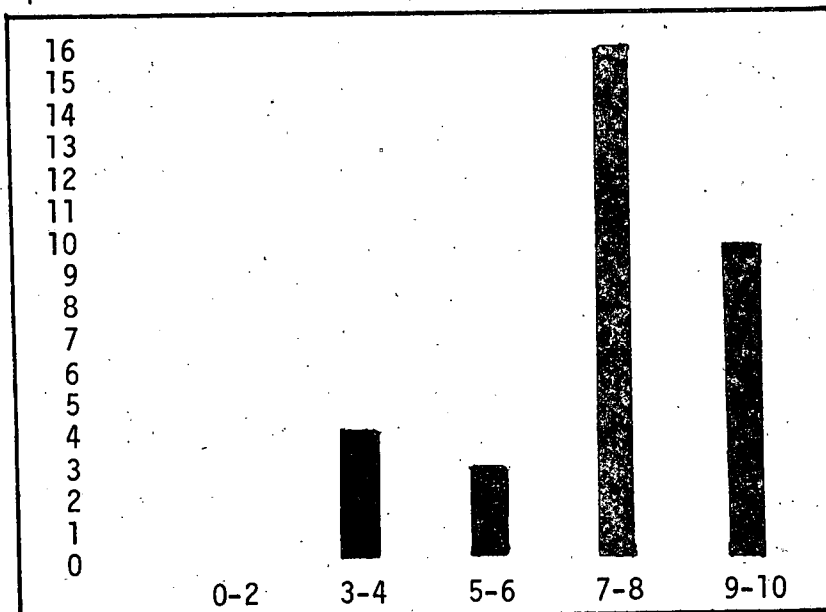


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## Summary of OSR Survey #1

Thirty-five OSR representatives responded to the questionnaire representing an approximate response rate of 30%. Although the data is difficult to summarize since the majority of the questions required "essay-type" answers, the following information offers some interpretation of the data collected.

1. This bar graph illustrates the responses to the question: On a scale of 1 (throw the bums out) to 10 (couldn't have been handled better), how fully do you agree with the actions taken so far? (i.e., by the Chairperson in consultation with the Administrative Board prior to the AAMC Retreat). The figures on the left reflect the number of respondents giving a particular answer; the figures on the bottom represent the scale.



2. With what actions would you have been fully satisfied?

Seven (7) students responded that the OSR officers should have followed the OSR resolution on health manpower to the letter by sending the resolution to health subcommittee members. Three representatives responded that the OSR officers should have compromised more with AAMC on this issue and accepted the AAMC position. The other responses were quite varied, but the majority reflected general support for the actions taken.

3. A. Are you comfortable with the role of the OSR as a student group which works within a larger organization?

Twenty-two (22) representatives responded "Yes."

Six (6) responded "Yes" but expressed reservations similar to the following: "Yes, if by working within the larger organization, the OSR is better able to achieve its goals. However, if after several years it becomes apparent that the actions of AAMC are contrary to the interests of the students, there is no reason to continue the association."

Three (3) responded "No!"

3. B. If the situation in AAMC is such that the OSR may be overruled on any given issue, how should we work to maximize our voice?

Sixteen (16) respondents offered suggestions aimed at maximizing the OSR's voice within AAMC through closer liaison with the other councils, through representation on committees and task forces, and through more effective communication with AAMC staff and the other councils. The majority of the representatives who responded in this manner said that if OSR has had significant input into a position, it should be prepared to accept the final outcome.

Thirteen (13) stressed publicizing dissenting opinions through minority reports or similar mechanisms to constituents.

Four (4) respondents thought that OSR should go public with all dissenting views.

Only two (2) representatives stated that the officers should resign if overruled on a given issue. On the other hand, six (6) thought that the officers should not resign even if diametrically opposed to the AAMC position, provided that the OSR position had received thoughtful consideration by the other councils.

Several respondents stressed the need for close liaison with other student groups as a means of accomplishing goals that could not be accomplished through AAMC.

4. Do you have in mind any specific goals to be sought at the January Administrative Board Meeting?

The following issues were suggested by respondents as priority items for the OSR Administrative Board:

- Health Manpower Legislation
- Student Financial Aid
- Medical Student Stress
- Curriculum and Evaluation
- OSR Communication and Public Relations
- Student Participation in Institutional Governance
- Reduced-time Residencies
- Malpractice Insurance
- National Health Insurance
- Discrimination Against Students with Service Commitments