

## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT SPRING 2015 REPORT

### **Abstract**

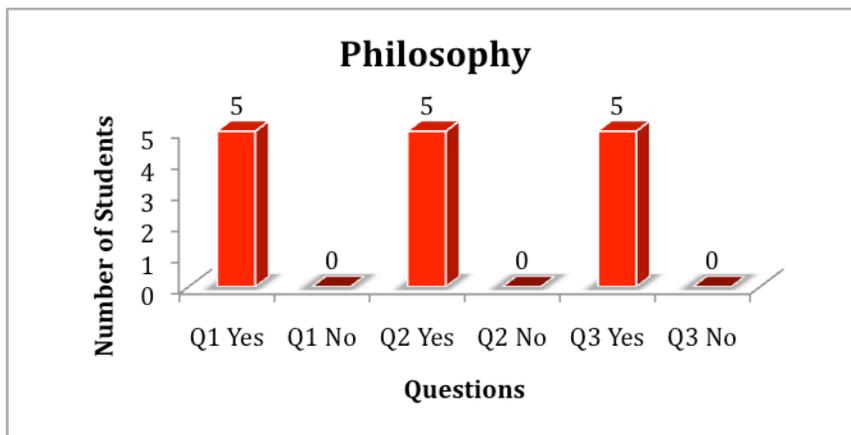
The following is a report that shows data collected for Philosophy, Public Speaking, GED tutoring, English as a Second Language (ESL), Business 101, Pitzer College Faculty Forum, Academic Orientation, and Career Development. Every course and session has an independent bar graph and responses to three questions except Career Development, which had its own unique survey and analysis. The total number of inmates that participated in the courses listed in the Spring 2015 cohort held at California Rehabilitation Center was 198. Career Development sessions consisted of 22 students, Academic Orientations of 71 and 105 inmates participated in the other academic courses listed e.g. Philosophy, Public Speaking, Business, etc.

## PEP: CRC PHILOSOPHY COURSE

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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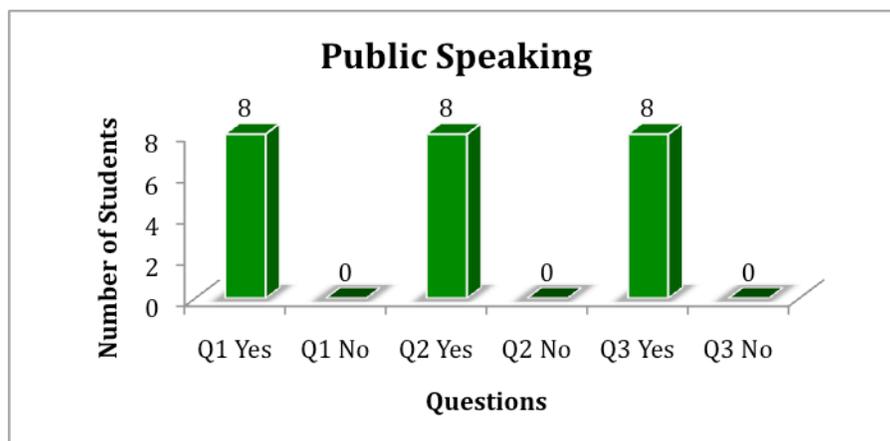


## PEP: CRC PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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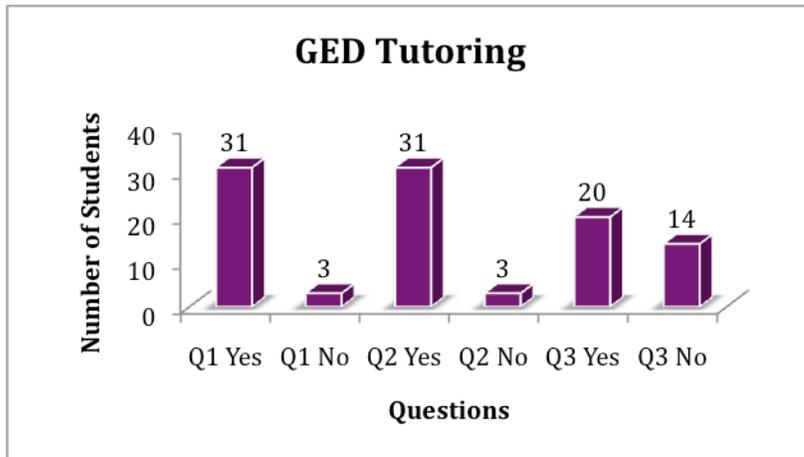


## PEP: GED TUTORING MODULE

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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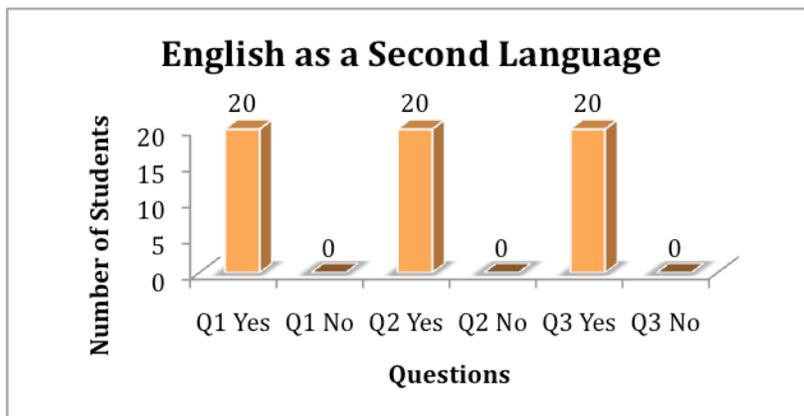


## PEP: English as a Second Language-GED MODULE

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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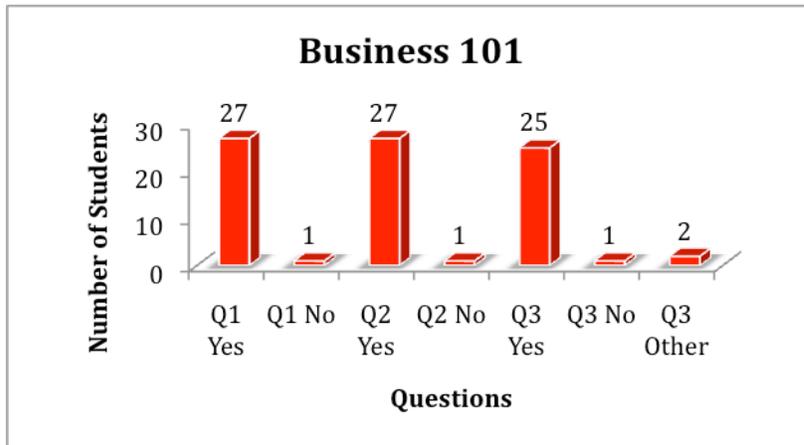


## PEP: BUSINESS 101 COURSE

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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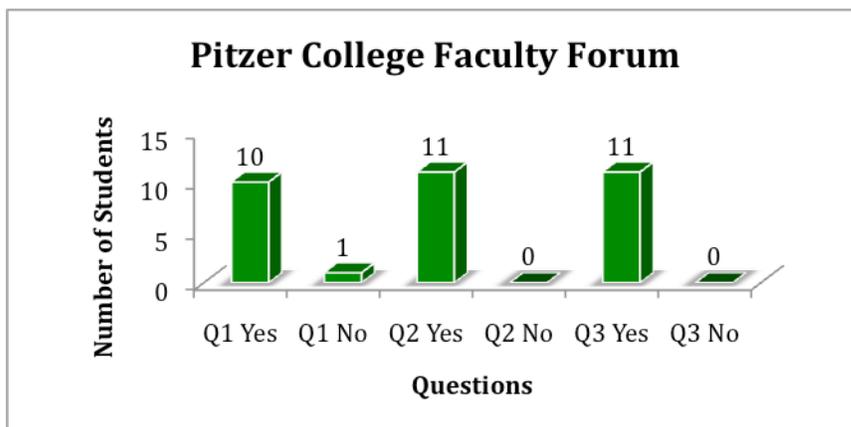


## PEP: PITZER COLLEGE FACULTY FORUM

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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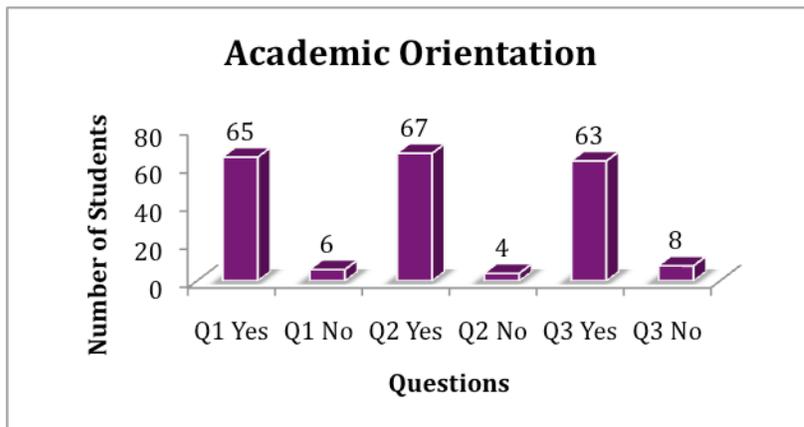


## PEP: ACADEMIC ORIENTATION MODULE

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

Sample Size: 71



## PEP: CAREER DEVELOPMENT MODULE

### Questions asked:

- 1) I know what careers match my personality

9 = "strongly agree"

9 = "agree"

4 = "neutral"

- 2) I know my career interests

15 = "strongly agree"

6 = "agree"

1 = "neutral"

- 3) I know how to apply my values in career and life decisions

8 = "strongly agree"

10 = "agree"

4 = "neutral"

- 4) I know how to develop a marketable resume

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| <p>7 = "strongly agree"<br/> 11 = "agree"<br/> 4 = "neutral"</p>  |
| <p>5) I know how to effectively search for a job</p> <p>14 = "strongly agree"<br/> 5 = "agree"<br/> 2 = "neutral"<br/> 1 = "disagree"</p>   |
| <p>6) I know how to effectively interview for a job</p> <p>6 = "strongly agree"<br/> 8 = "agree"<br/> 7 = "neutral"<br/> 1 = "disagree"</p> |
| <p><b>Sample Size: 22</b></p>   |

### Inmate Post-Program Narrative Comments

#### Philosophy Course

--I thought this course was quite fun and interesting.

--It was very helpful in better understanding the different philosophers. I really appreciate the effort put forth. Utilitarianism is better understood now because of this class. Thank you!

--Morals and values come hand in hand. A moral decision is valued by happiness not only my own but others' around me!

#### Public Speaking Course

--Group and/or open discussion is emotionally, personally, and spiritually healthy. Laughing is exceptionally healthy.

--I feel that this class helped me to express myself openly. My confidence is much higher because of this class! This project works! Thank you for your time.

--I think that the class was cool and kind of fun. I thank the people for coming.

#### GED Tutoring Module

--I feel as though there is something to look forward to upon my release. Thank you guys.

--It is much needed to keep us informed on how to keep up with the new styles of learning. Thank you!

--I feel they should come more often and earlier so we can get more done. Informative, educational, and helpful. Need more please!

--It is very helpful in many ways. It gives me motivation to better myself, educationally and economically, and to become a productive member of society.

#### **English as a Second Language-GED Module**

--I think that the class was very informational. The teachers/students/aides were very helpful and put forth a lot of effort. They appeared to be very well prepared.

--At first I had forgotten a lot of things, but since the class I now know what is what. It will help me out when I'm released!

--Thank you. I found this to be very helpful. I learned a lot from our tutor about verlos nouns and pronouns. Thank you for your time. The volunteers did a great job!

#### **Business 101 Course**

--It is a good course. It provides us with information that could help us to stay focused on something positive. It's kind of like planting a seed. Marty and Gary planted the seed, now it's up to us to take care of the information, put in the work to make it grow and help us, and if we grow it right, it could grow to bear fruit that will keep you happy.

--Thought provoking, upbeat, life affirming. I put forth all effort on my part to be awake, alert, and aware. I really very much enjoyed participating and partaking in this class. Thank you very much.

--I've learned so much about small business and credit. My life has changed just by listening, listening, listening. Now I have passion to create a life outside of these walls.

#### **Pitzer College Faculty Forum**

--Good sound advice. Appreciate people taking time to inform us about how to achieve better academic and career choices.

--We as inmates, at least the majority of us, feel truly fortunate that you and the professors have taken the time to enlighten us. Roberto Clemente once said, "if you have an opportunity to help another person and you don't, you are wasting your time on Earth". You, sir, and all those involved here, have helped several people. Thank you and God bless you.

--It gives me motivation to do good in life!

#### **Academic Orientation Module**

--I really believe that this academic orientation is a positive program that encourages people to further their education by sharing basic tools to be successful in life. Thank you.

--Excellent instructors. Well planned course materials. Taught at an appropriate level for the class attendees. Maybe slightly more "real world" examples. Overall, this was the best class that I have taken while at CRC.

--I think it's important for students to come and experience, as well as share different points of view regarding life in general. For us to see the outside and for them to see the

inside is very positive and will be vital in helping us integrate back into society.

--Thank you for coming by and sharing information with us. It has been very helpful and I am so motivated to better myself. Education is our best bet to make it in life. Thank you.

--I believe these sessions have given me new options to further my education. I've learned that there are different options and help I can receive when I'm paroled. Knowing others who've been incarcerated have now been accepted into different colleges has really helped me stay positive about my future.

#### **Career Development Module**

--It gave us a moment and a forum to think positively about life and our future in general a mindset that is not generally part of the day-to-day prison thought.

--The information and resources provided are assets to the pursuit of success. I am grateful for the sacrifice and time by your volunteers.

--We discussed a lot of topics that will indeed help in the future upon my release. It gives me confidence in becoming a productive citizen.

--I was very motivated by the project. I am looking forward to putting the discussions into action.