NACCC Campus Climate Survey data "Mattering and Affirmation"

October 2023



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UMB administered the NACCC student campus climate survey in Fall 2022

- University of Southern California Race and Equity Center -- National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (NACCC)
- Administered between October 19 -November 19, 2022
- 15-minute web-based survey that includes six content areas essential to understanding the racial climate on campus and collects participants demographic information in order to conduct meaningful data disaggregation





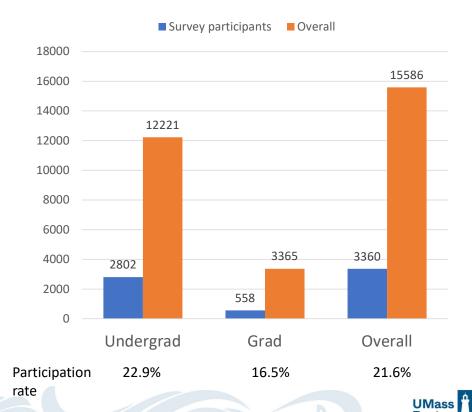
We plan to rollout the results of each content area through monthly community sessions





22% of the UMB student population participated in the NACCC survey

	Survey participants		
Race/ethnicity	Undergrad	Grad	Total
Overall	2802	558	3360
Students of color	1964	376	2340
Caucasian or White	838	182	1020
Asian or Asian American	545	210	755
Black or African American	481	53	534
Hispanic or Latinx	443	25	468
Two or more races	349	47	396
Arab or Arab American	54	3	57
Another group not listed	50	27	77
Middle Eastern	33	11	44
Native American or Alaska Native	5	0	5
Native Hawaiian and/or Pacific Islander	4	0	4



Note: UMB students numbers from Fall 2022

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"Mattering and Affirmation" is one of six content areas in the NACCC survey

Overview of "Mattering and Affirmation"

 NACCC respondents indicate the extent to which they feel they matter in classrooms and in various out-of-class campus spaces. Additionally, students indicate the ways and the frequency with which faculty members affirm them.

- Key topics
 - Student perceptions of mattering in campus LOCATIONS, CLASSROOMS, and at campus EVENTS
 - Affirmation of students from White professors and from professors of color



41% of UG students feel that they strongly or mostly matter at UMB; there was minor variation by race

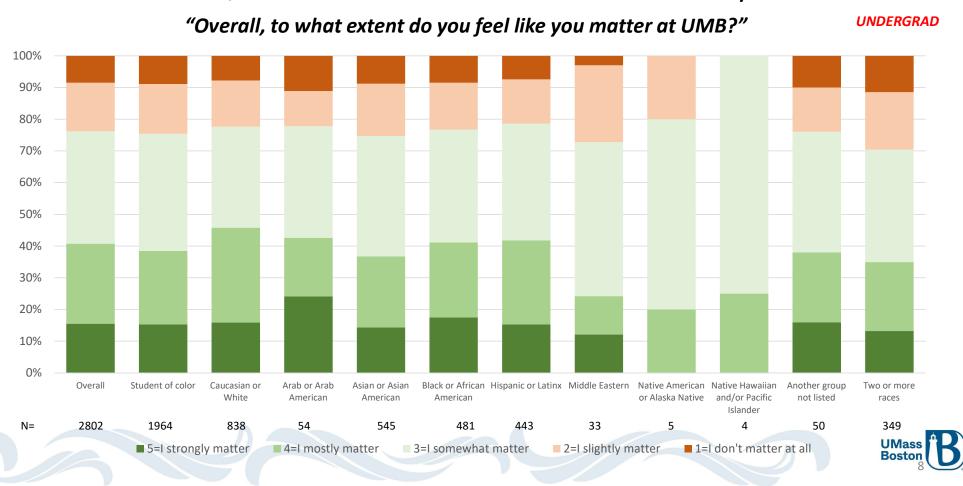


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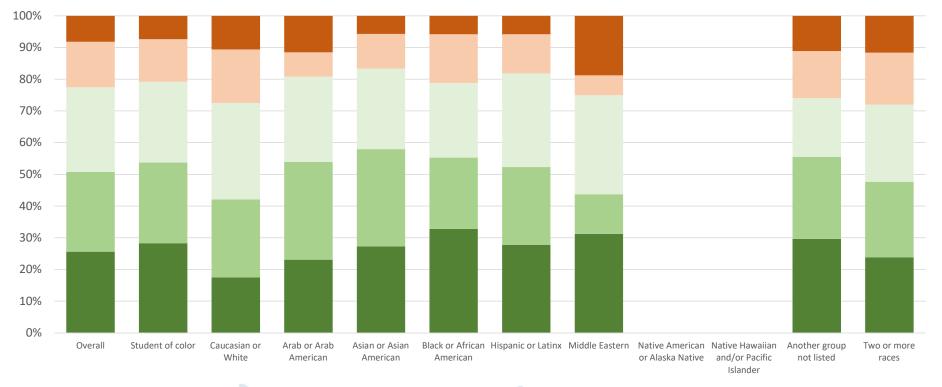


51% indicating "mattering" in the financial aid office; mattering higher for students of color LOCATIONS:

Financial Aid Office

UNDERGRAD

"To what extent do you matter in: Financial Aid Office"



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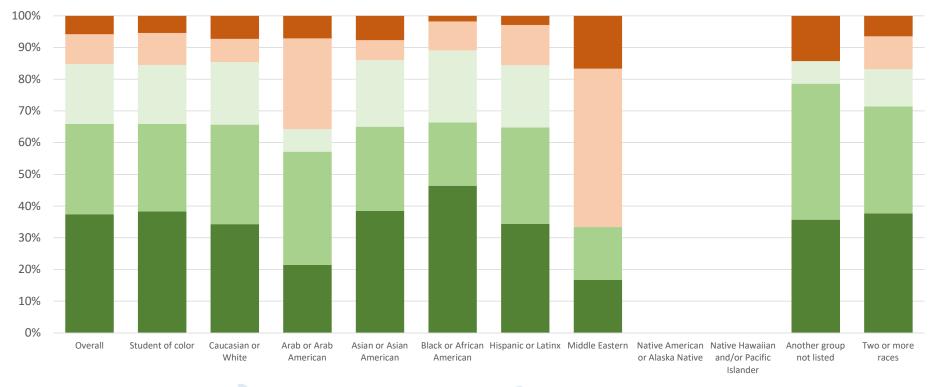


66% feel they "matter" in the tutoring center

LOCATIONS:
Tutoring/Learning Center

"To what extent do you matter in: Tutoring or Learning Center"

UNDERGRAD



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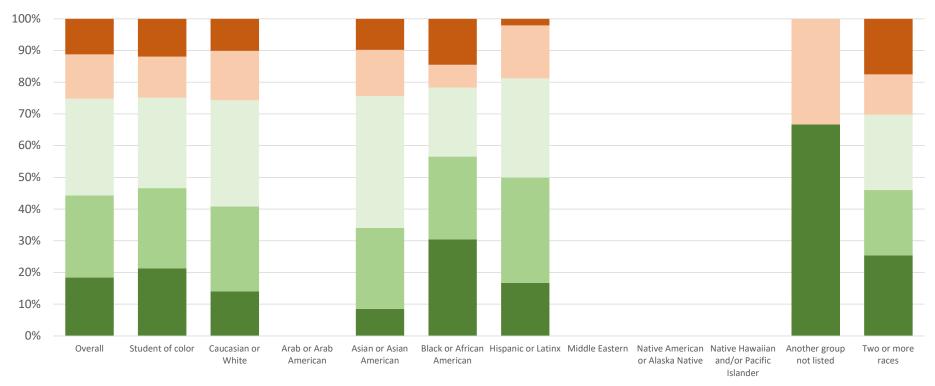


43% feel they "matter" in the dorms

LOCATIONS:
Dorms/Student Housing

UNDERGRAD

"To what extent do you matter in: Dorms/Student Housing"



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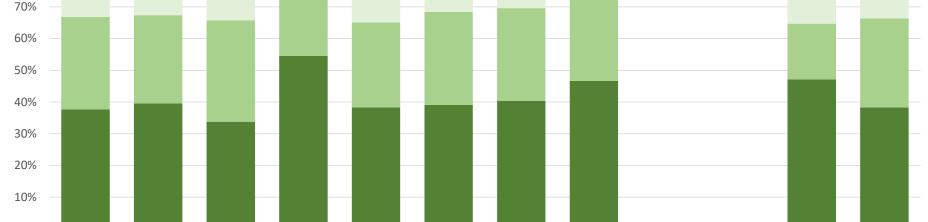
67% feel they "matter" in the advising office

LOCATIONS: Advising Office

UNDERGRAD

"To what extent do you matter in: Academic Advising / Advising Office"





■ 5=I strongly matter

Caucasian or

White

Student of color

■ 4=I mostly matter

Asian or Asian

American

Arab or Arab

American

3=I somewhat matter

American

■ 2=I slightly matter

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and/or Pacific

Islander

Another group

not listed



races

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Overall

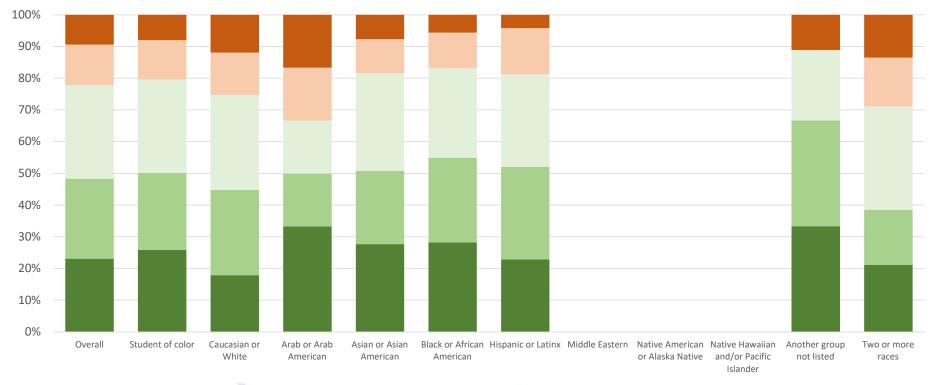
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48% feel they "matter" in the Campus Quad or Common Gathering Space

LOCATIONS:
Quad / Common Spaces

"To what extent do you matter in: Campus quad or common gathering space"

UNDERGRAD



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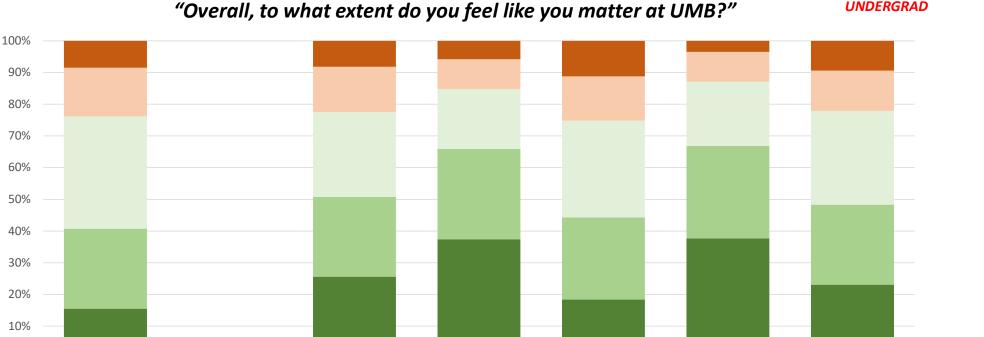
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Overall at UMB

2802

■ 5=I strongly matter



Tutoring or Learning Center

604

3=I somewhat matter

Dorms/Student Housing

456

2=I slightly matter

Academic Advising / Advising

Office

1871

■ 1=I don't matter at all

UNDERGRAD

Campus Quad or Common

Gathering Place

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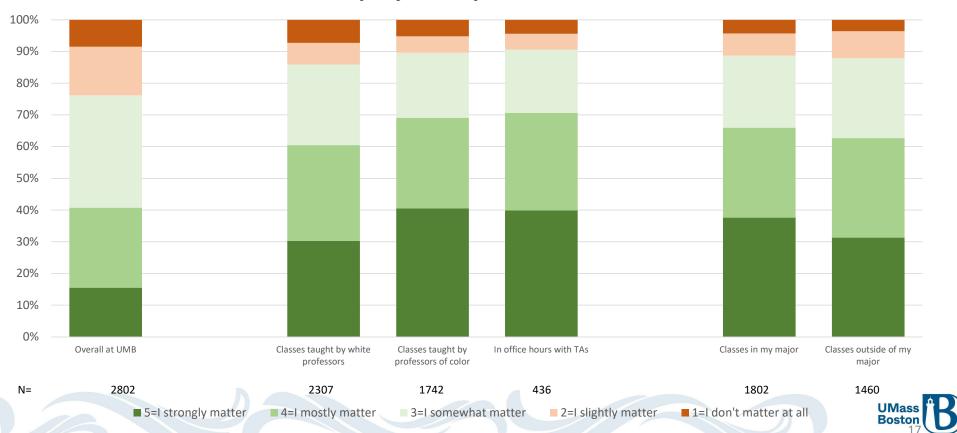
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Sense of mattering is high in classroom environments; especially in classes with professors of color CLASSROOMS

"To what extent do you feel like you matter at UMB?"

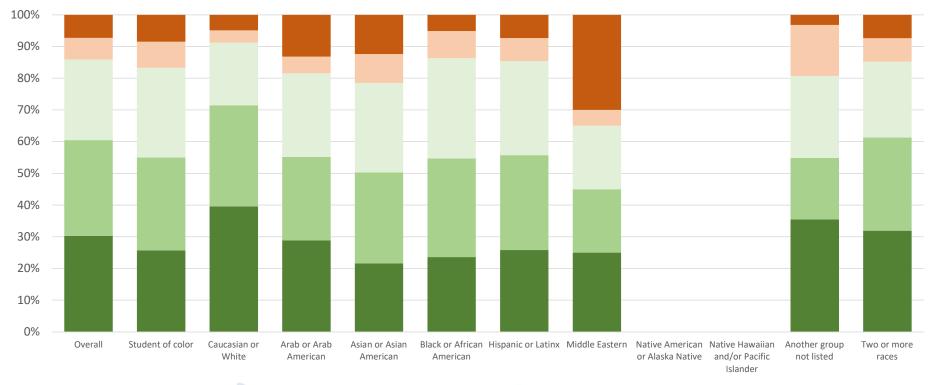
UNDERGRAD



Students of color feel a lower sense of mattering in courses taught by white professors **CLASSROOMS:**

White professors

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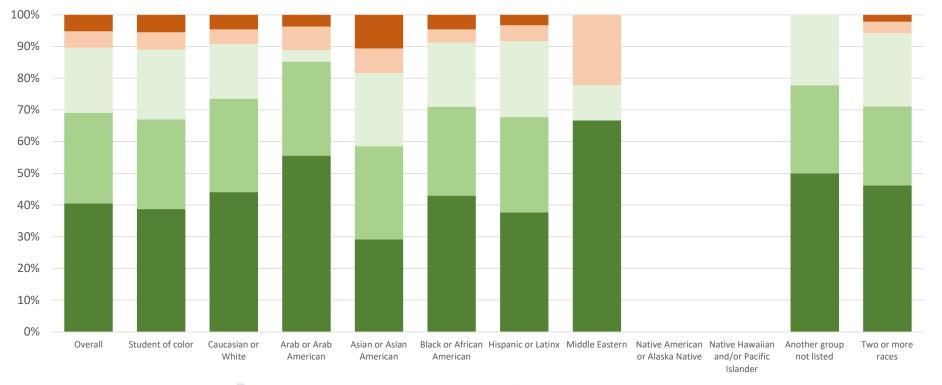
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Sense of mattering high in classes taught by faculty of color; lowest for Asian students CLASSROOMS: Professors of color

"To what extent do you feel like you matter in classes taught by professors of color?" UNDERGRAD



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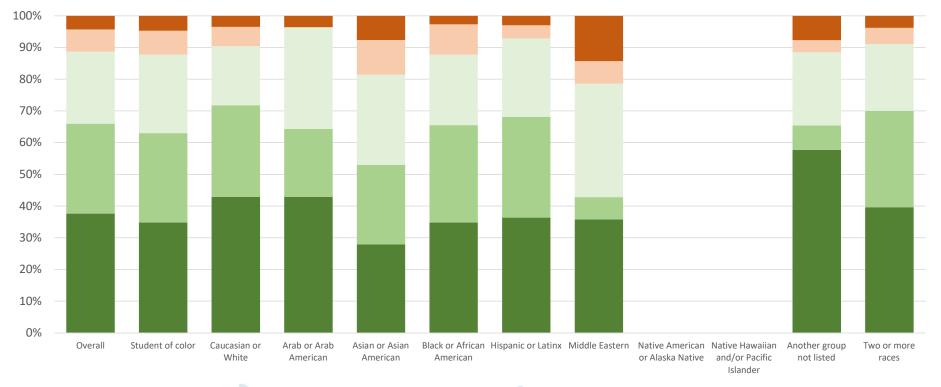


Students of color feel a lower sense of mattering in classes in their major **CLASSROOMS:**

Classes in major

"To what extent do you feel like you matter in classes in your [first] major?"

UNDERGRAD



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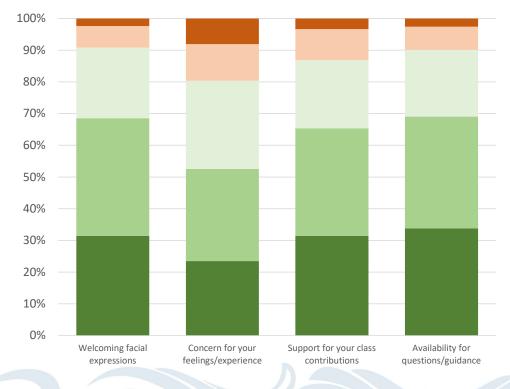


Mattering high in classroom environments, higher with professors of color

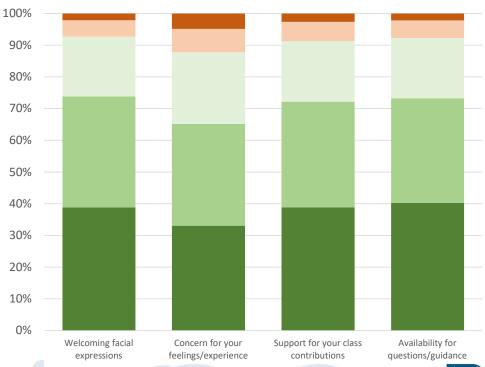
CLASSROOMS

UNDERGRAD





"How often have you experienced the following from PROFESSORS OF COLOR?

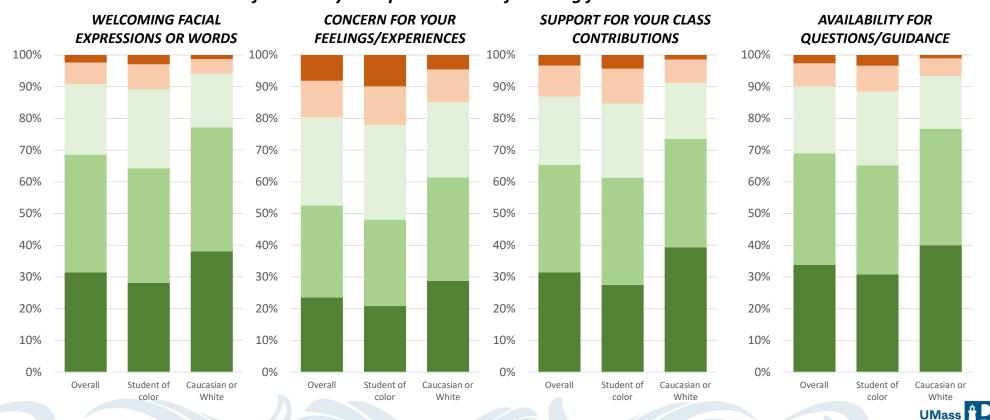




Expressions of support lower for students of color in class with white professors

CLASSROOMS:
White Professors
UNDERGRAD

"How often have you experienced the following from WHITE PROFESSORS?



Expressions of support also lower for students of color in class with professors of color

CLASSROOMS:
Professors of color
UNDERGRAD

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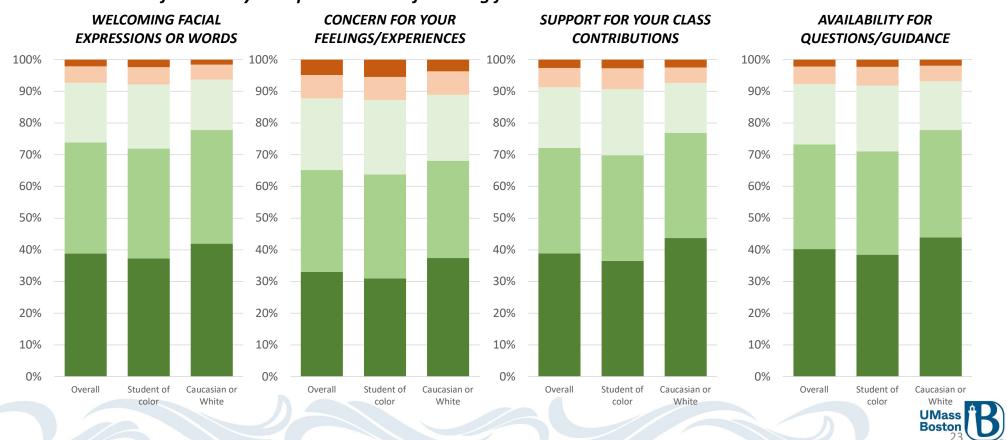


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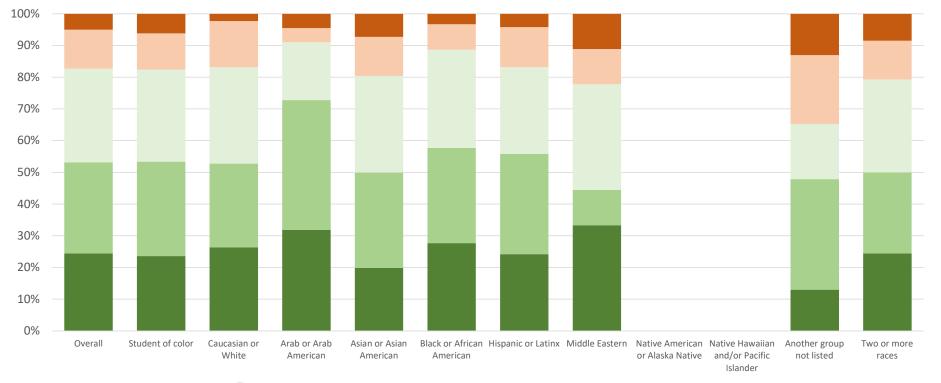
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Arab & Middle Eastern students feel highest sense of mattering at UMB events; Asian students lowest

EVENTS: UMB events

"To what extent do you feel like you matter in events hosted by the school, departments, or campus organizations?"



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■ 4=I mostly matter

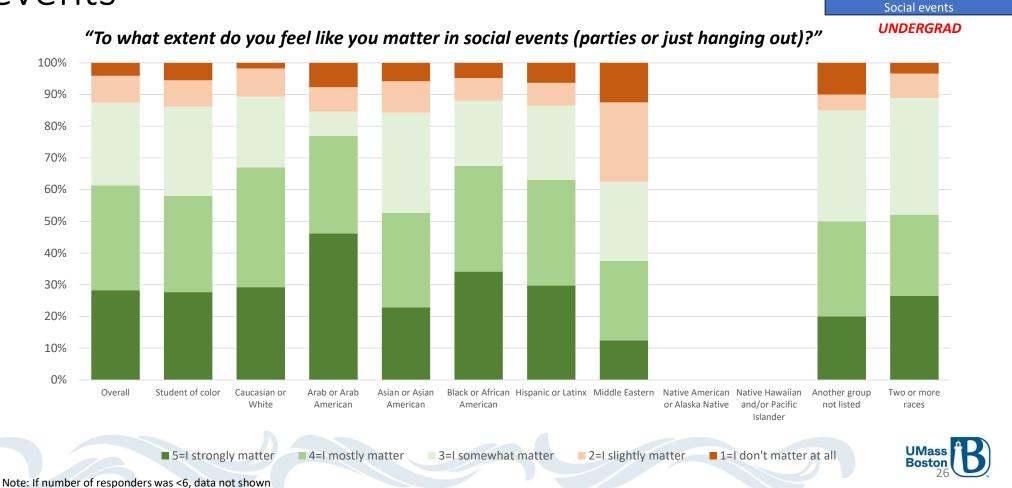
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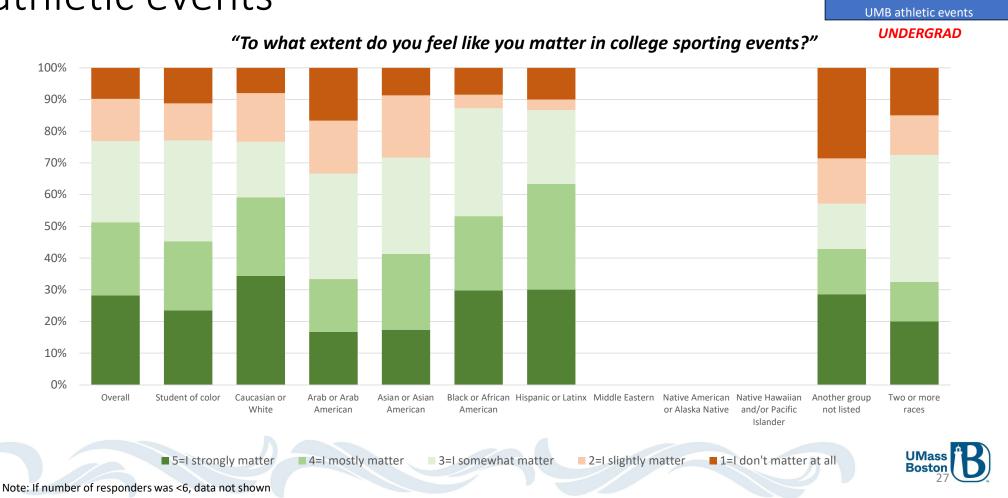
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Students generally feel a sense of mattering at social events



Students of color feel a lower sense of mattering at athletic events



Sense of mattering is higher at events than overall at UMB

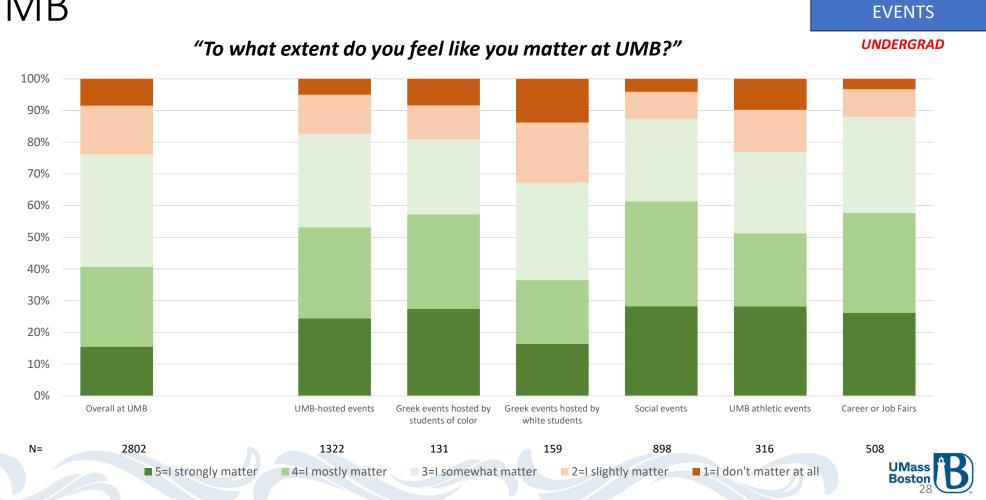
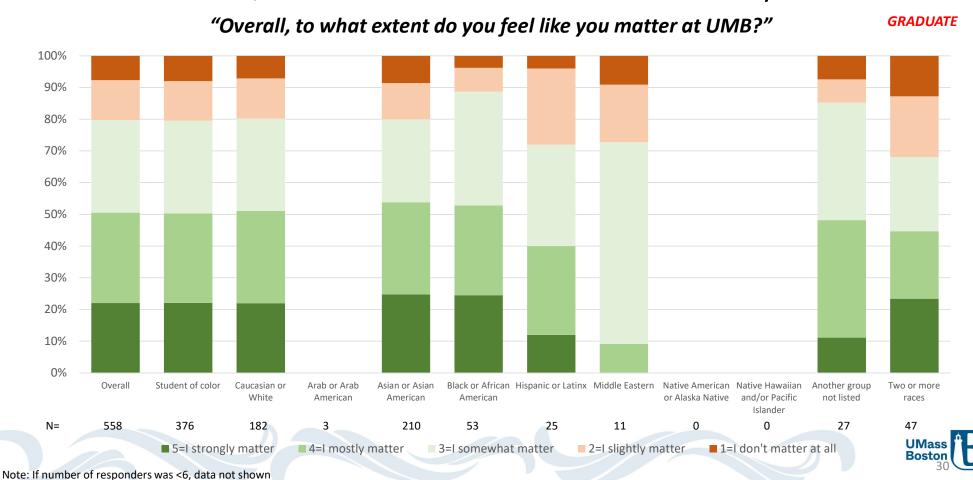


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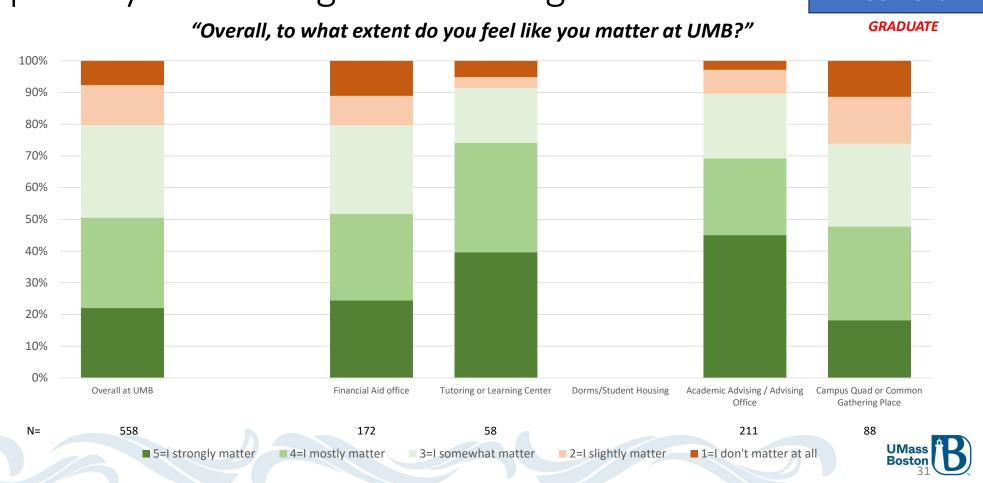
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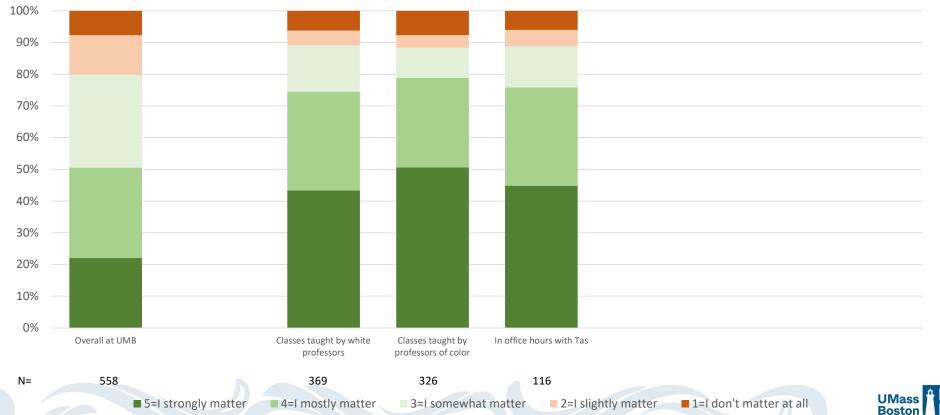
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GRADUATE







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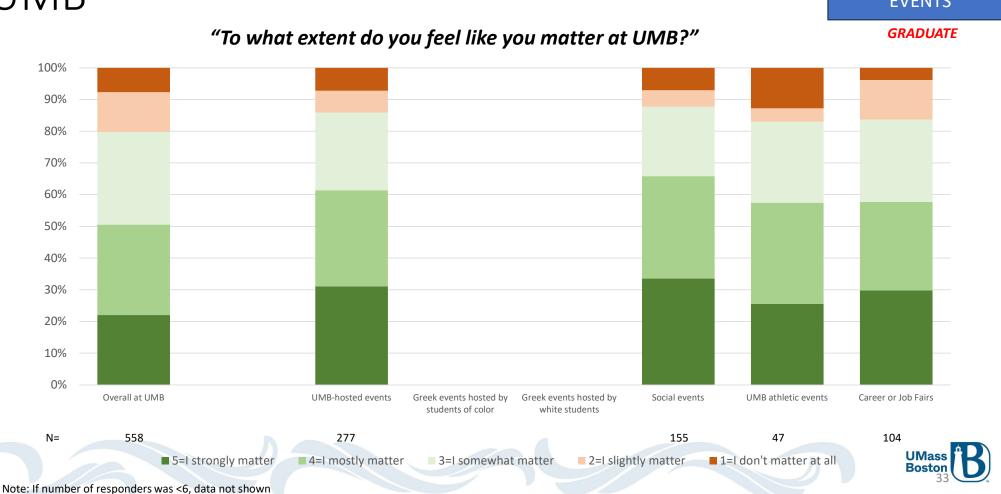


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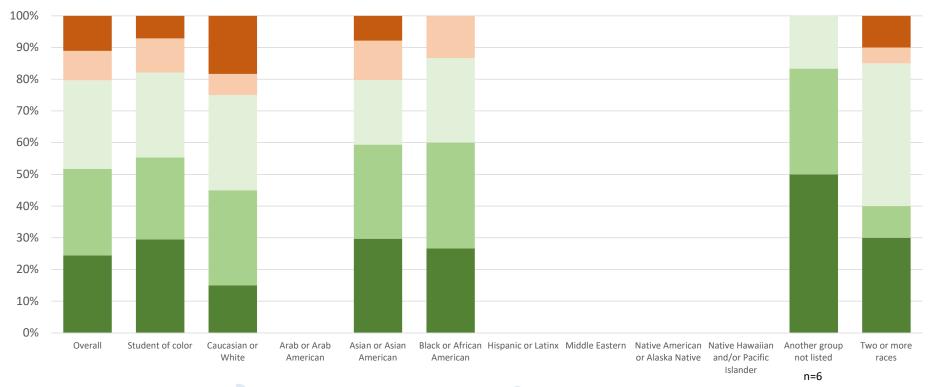


52% feel they "matter" in the financial aid office

LOCATIONS: Financial Aid Office

GRADUATE





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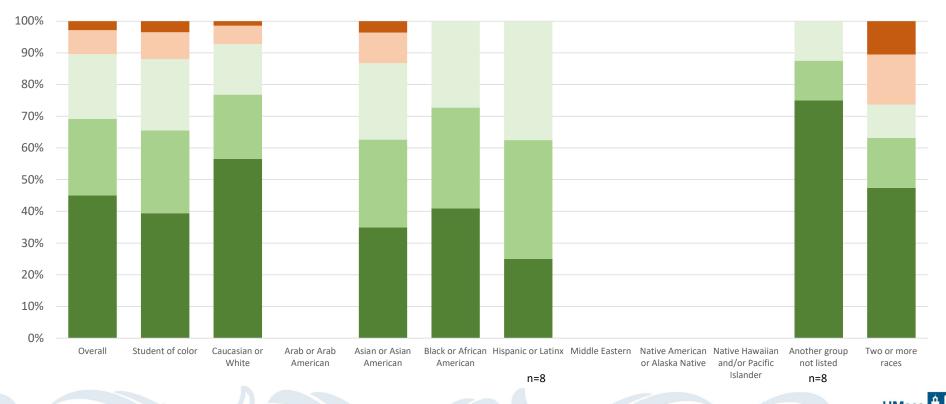


69% feel they "matter" in the advising office

LOCATIONS: Advising Office

GRADUATE





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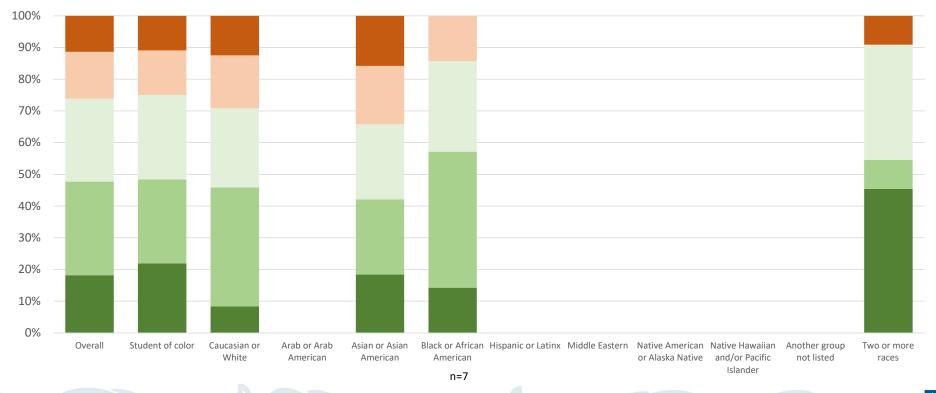
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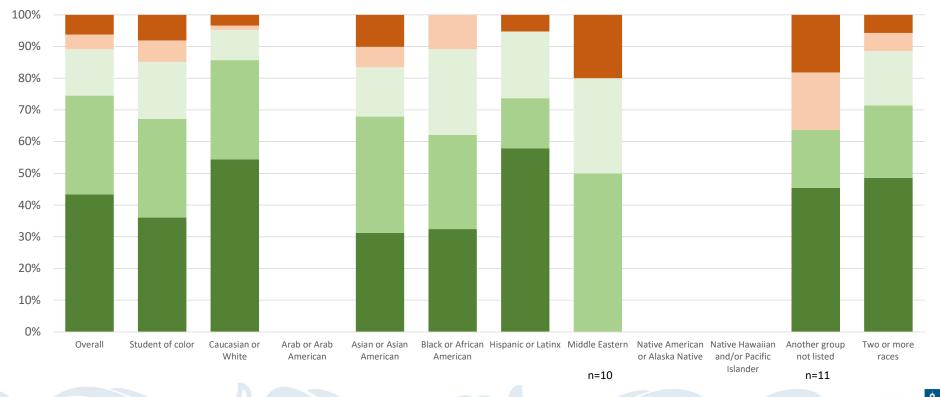


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GRADUATE



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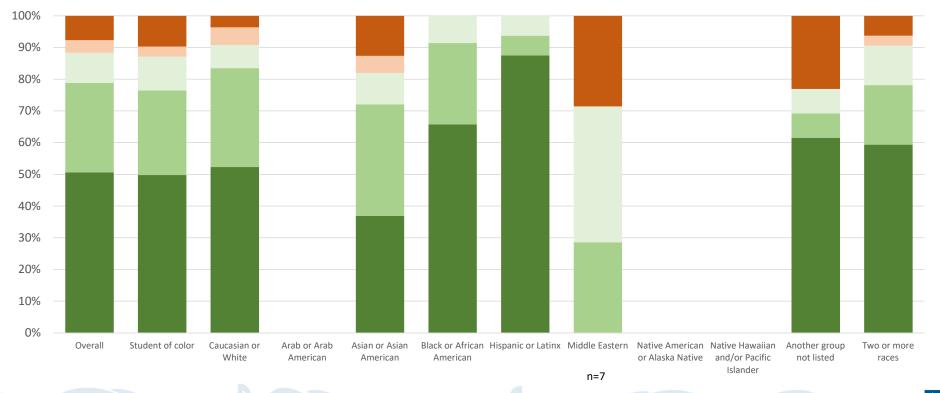
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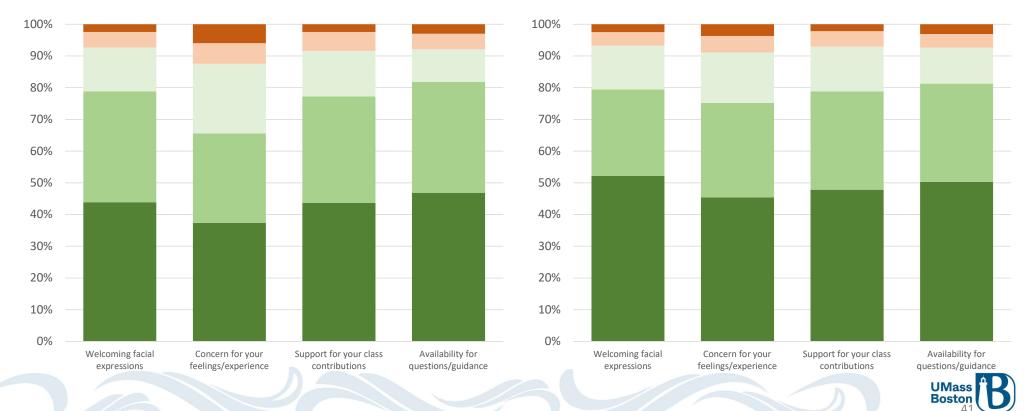
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Expressions of mattering are experienced at **CLASSROOMS** levels in classes with faculty of color **GRADUATE**

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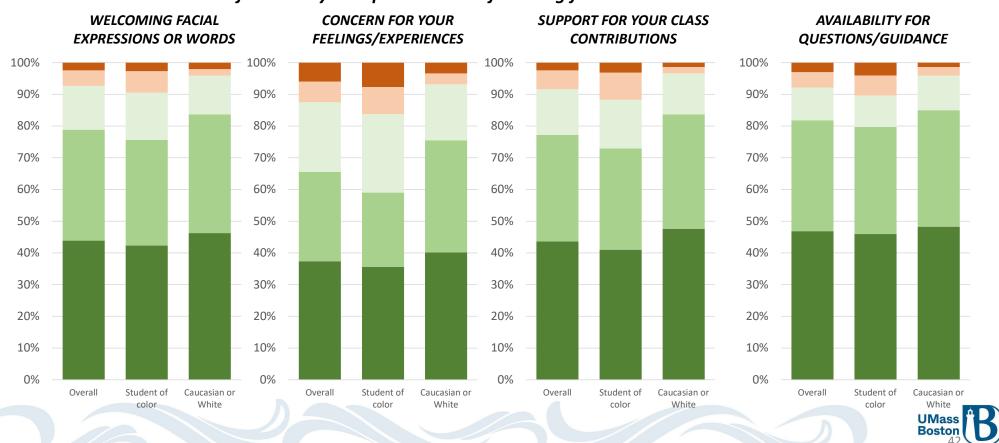
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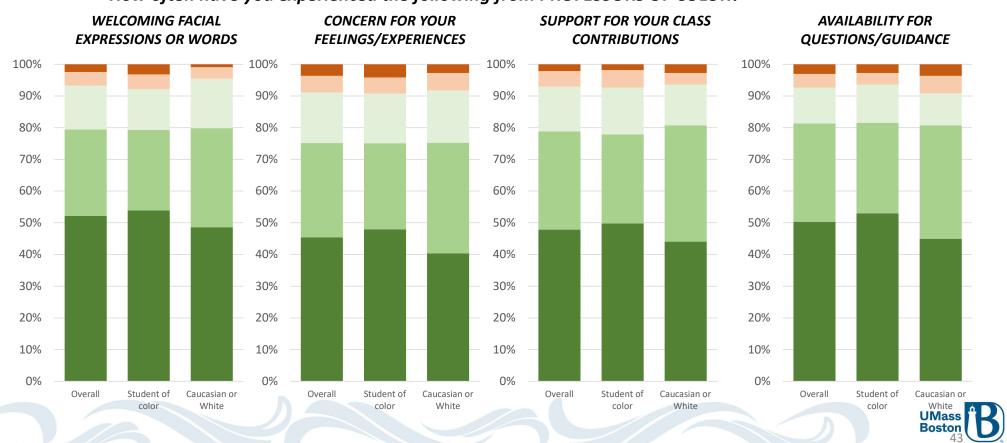


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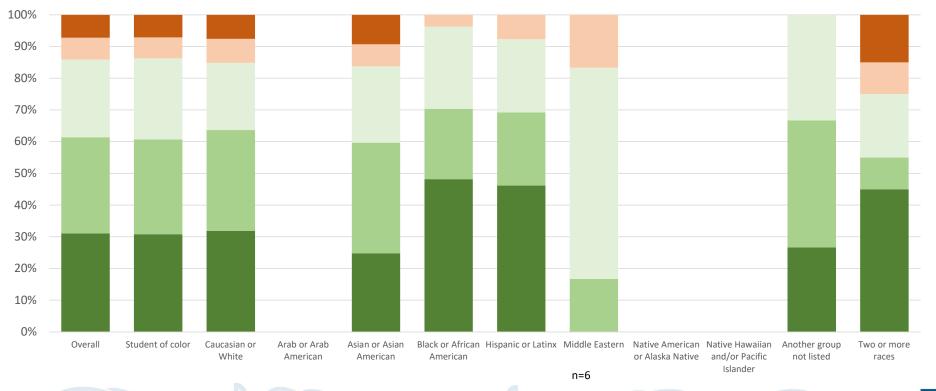
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UMB events

GRADUATE

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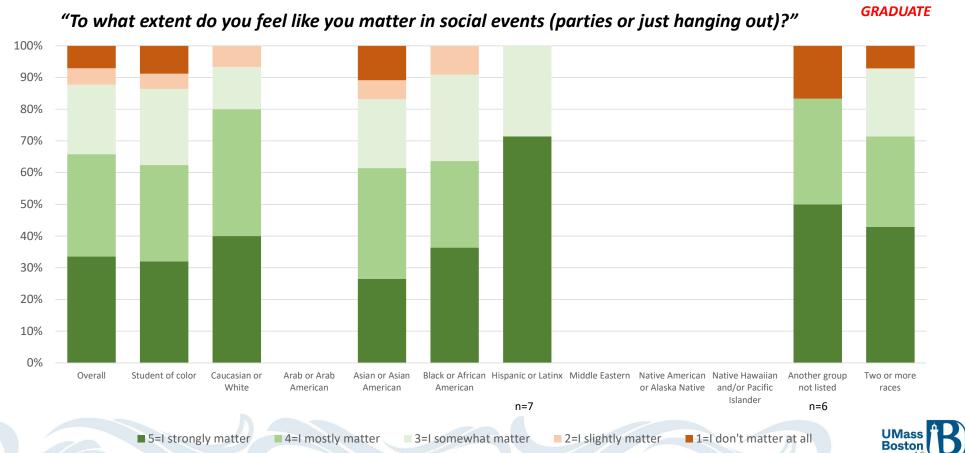


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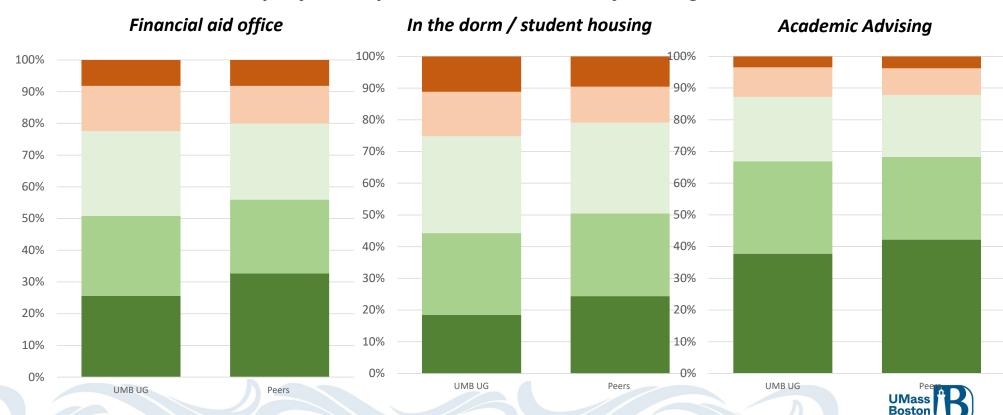
Institution	# of students	Carnegie classification	Location	AANAPISI
Metropolitan State University (MN)	5k-10k	Doctoral	Large City	Yes
Stockton University (NJ)	5k-10k	Masters	Suburb	
Texas Southern University	5k-10k	Doctoral	Large City	
University of Houston	>10k	Doctoral	Large City	Yes
University of Houston - Downtown	>10k	Masters	Large City	



Feelings of mattering in campus locations are lower at UMB than at peer schools



"To what extent do you feel like you matter at UMB in the following locations?"

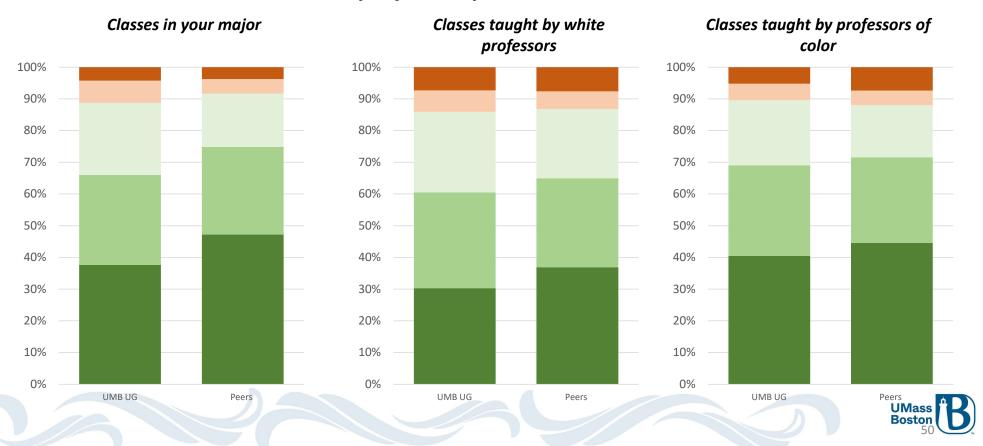


CLASSROOMS

UNDERGRAD

Feelings of mattering in classrooms are lower at UMB than at peer schools

"To what extent do you feel like you matter at UMB in classes?"



EVENTS

UNDERGRAD

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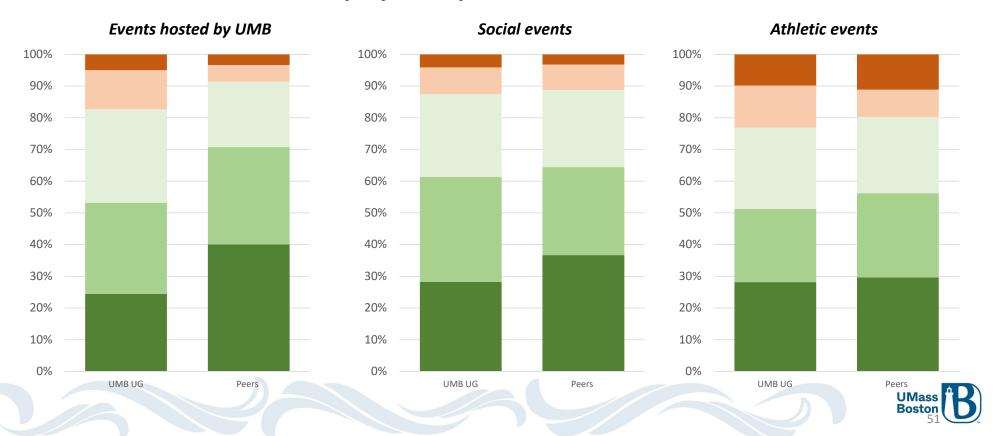


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Build standards of inclusiv teaching 3

Make data informed decision

Assess whether a particular group seems to dominate the campus environment and whether any groups are excluded from taking part in the construction of the campus identity

In progress

Conduct a public space audit to ensure that inclusive imagery surrounds students. Physically walk the halls, classrooms, and lab spaces with students and see these from their perspective.

Ongoing process

Have faculty regularly convene [for training] with professionals from centers for excellence in teaching and learning.

 They should discuss standards of inclusive teaching and ways to engage instructional personnel in developing culturally sustaining and affirming practices.

 Offer mini grants as incentives so faculty are encouraged to engage with inclusive instructional design methods. Identify racial disparities in students' sense of mattering and their perception of faculty affirmation from the NACCC data, and prioritize support for student groups with the highest need.



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Ongoing process



Engage race consciousness in classroom practices

 Collaborate with institutional research (IR) or information technology (IT) department to track student retention and graduation data by demographics.

Complete, trying to get better

Disaggregate student data along various axes, including, but not limited to, race, class, gender, first-generation college student status, etc., and share with faculty so that they know whom they are teaching

In process

5

Train staff for inclusive environments

Train staff across the departments of student affairs, auxiliary centers, and campus police and security in meaningful ways to cultivate inclusive environments.

Provide a diversity, equity, and inclusiveness (DEI) training which explains and discusses implicit bias and microaggressions for staff annually. Each division and department should be encouraged to have their own training session for their staff.

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Lots happening, we can get better



Keep an eye out for details about the November community session on Cross Racial Engagement

October 18, 2-3pm	Mattering and Affirmation		
November	Cross Racial Engagement		
February	Racial Learning and Literacy		
March	• Encounters with Racial Stress		
April	Appraisals of Institutional Commitment		
May	• Impact of External Environments		



Thank you!



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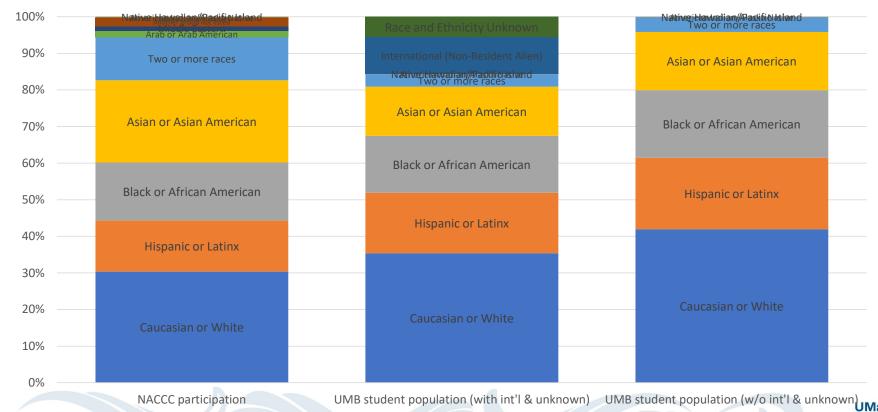
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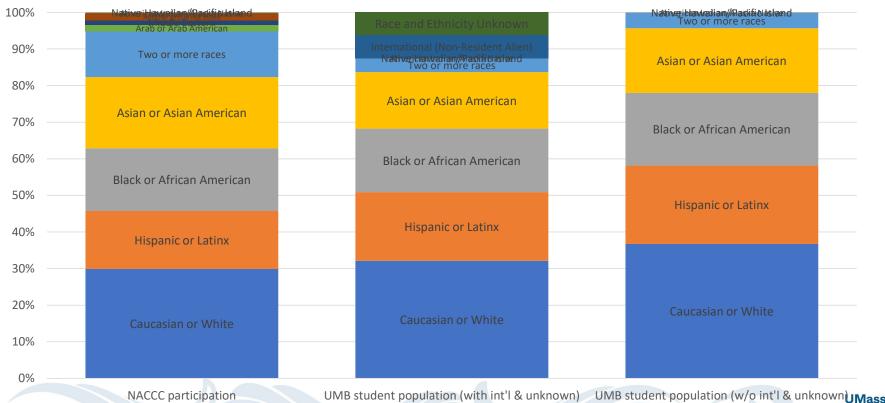
Overall, NACCC survey participation was fairly representative of UMB's student population





At the undergrad level, participation mostly reflected UMB's student population

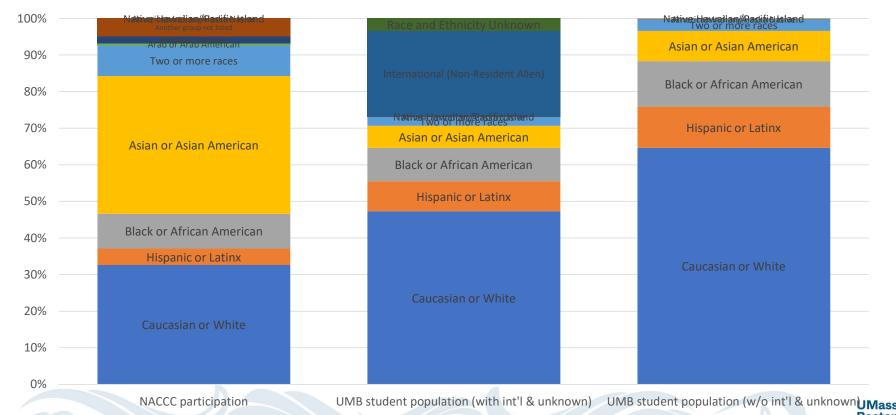




NACCC participation

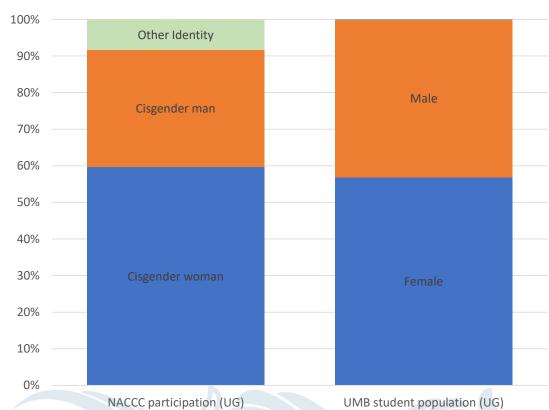
At the graduate level, Asian students participated at a very high rate and white students at a low rate





At the undergrad level, participation by gender identity is generally representative of UMB population; cisgender women over-participated somewhat

Percent of UG students UNDERGRAD



Notes

- NACCC survey uses different categories from UMB
- NACCC survey's "Other Identity" category includes a parenthetical as follows:
 - "Other Identity (transgender, genderfluid, genderqueer, non-binary, or a gender identify not listed)"
- UMB includes an "Unspecified/X" category (2 UG students in Fall '22)



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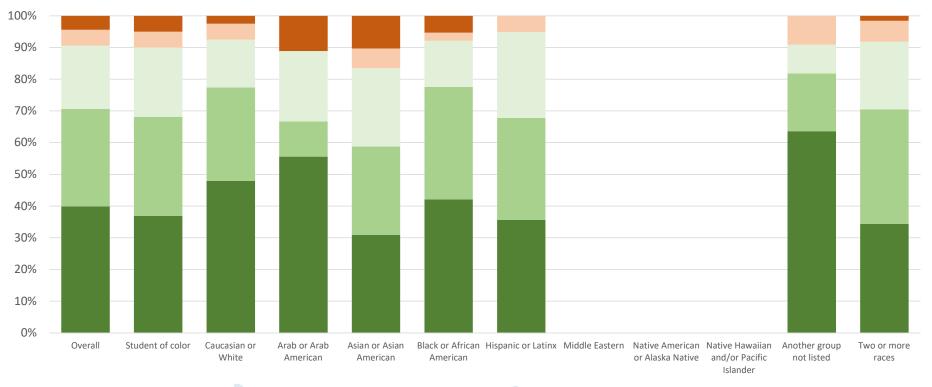
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Students of color feel a lower sense of mattering in office hours with TAs **CLASSROOMS:**

Office hours with TAs

"To what extent do you feel like you matter in office hours with teaching assistants?"



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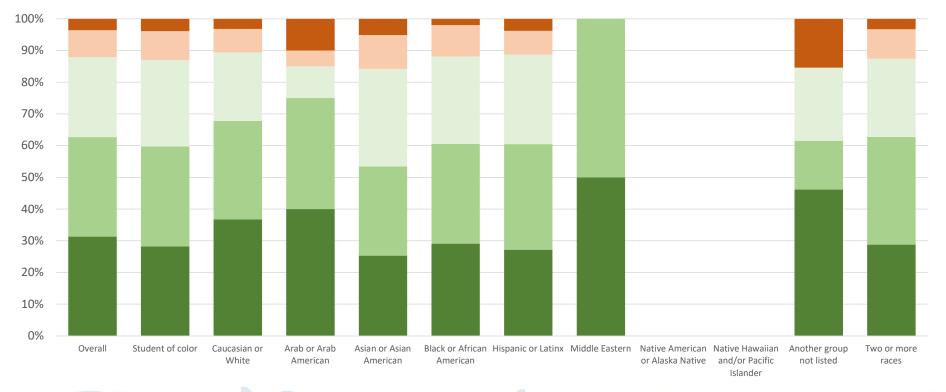


Students of color feel a lower sense of mattering in classes outside of their major **CLASSROOMS:**

Classes not in major

"To what extent do you feel like you matter in classes outside your major?"

UNDERGRAD



■ 5=I strongly matter

■ 4=I mostly matter

3=I somewhat matter

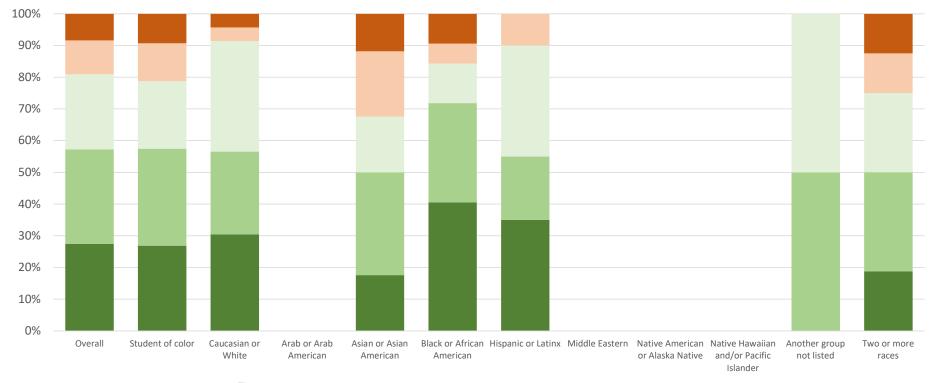
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Black students highest sense of mattering at mostly-SOC Greek events (note: low N size) EVENTS: Greek events with SOC

"To what extent do you feel like you matter in events hosted sororities/fraternities that are mostly students of color?"



■ 5=I strongly matter

■ 4=I mostly matter

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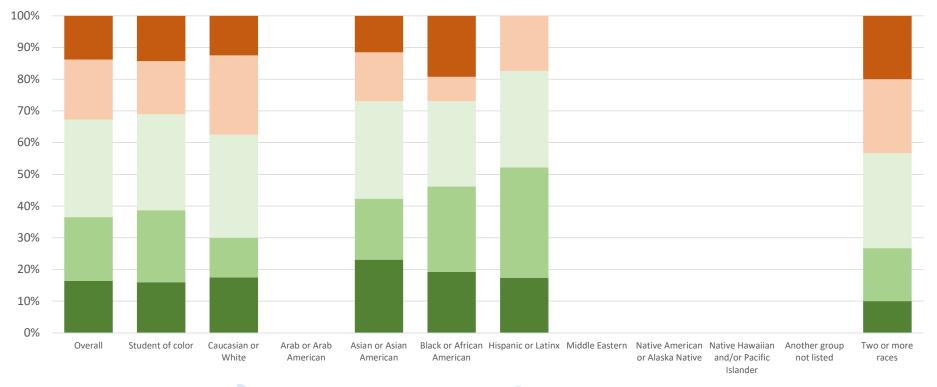
■ 1=I don't matter at all



General low sense of mattering at mostly-white Greek events (note: low N size) **EVENTS:**

Greek events w/ white students

UNDERGRAD "To what extent do you feel like you matter in events hosted sororities/fraternities that are mostly Caucasian or white students?"



■ 5=I strongly matter

■ 4=I mostly matter

3=I somewhat matter

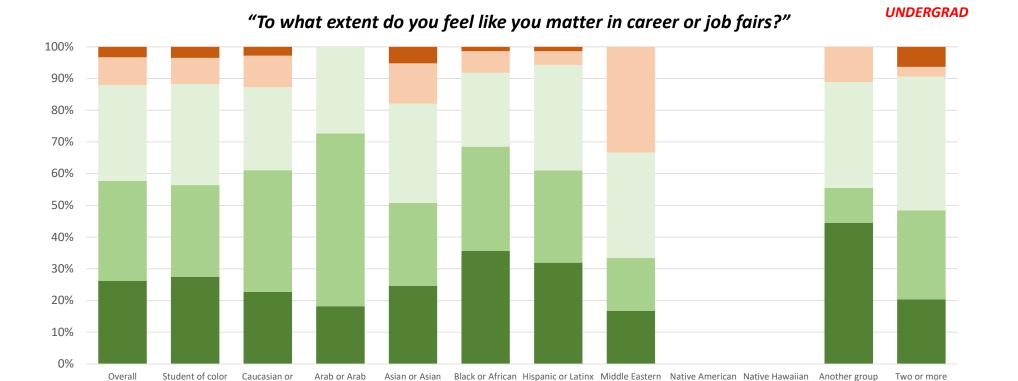
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Students of color feel a higher sense of mattering at career and job fairs **EVENTS:**

Career fairs



American

3=I somewhat matter

or Alaska Native

■ 2=I slightly matter

and/or Pacific

Islander

■ 1=I don't matter at all

not listed

races

Note: If number of responders was <6, data not shown

White

■ 5=I strongly matter

American

■ 4=I mostly matter

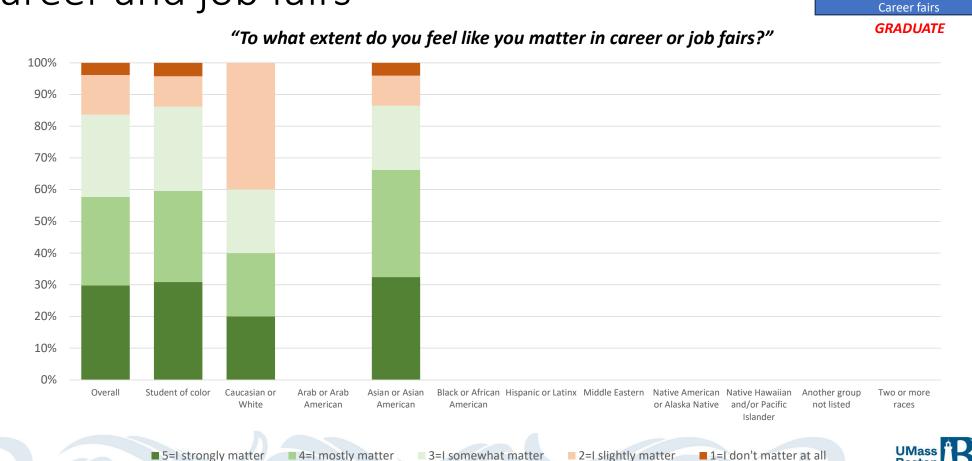
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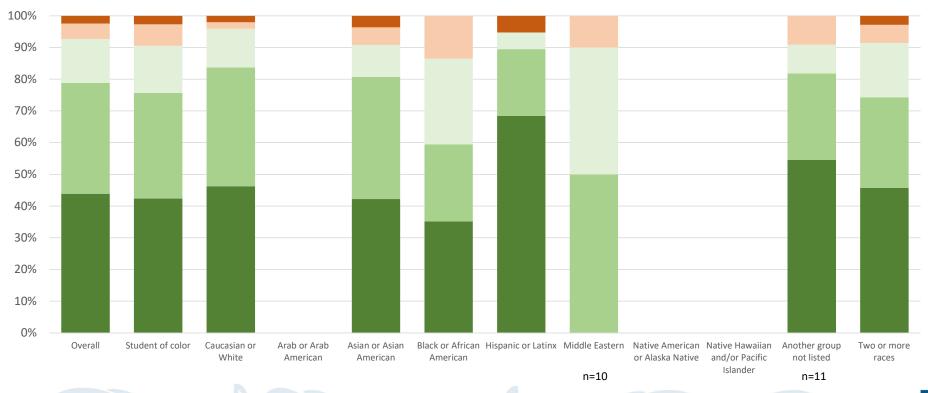
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CLASSROOMS: White Professors

GRADUATE





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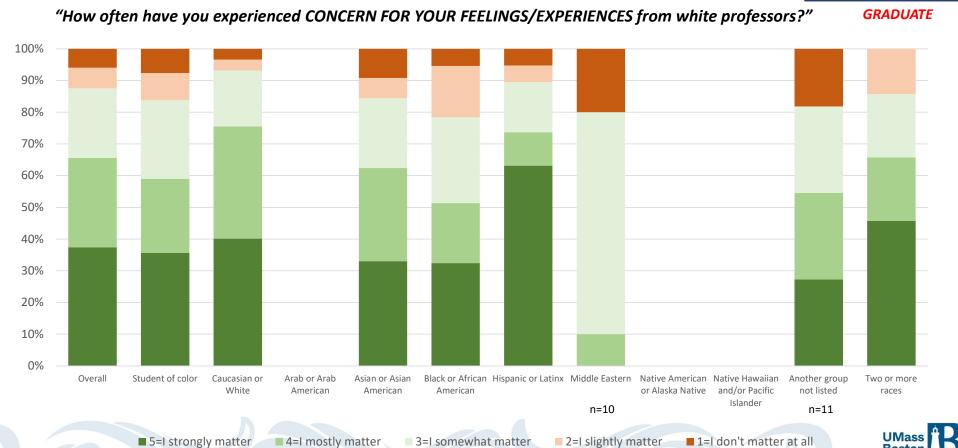
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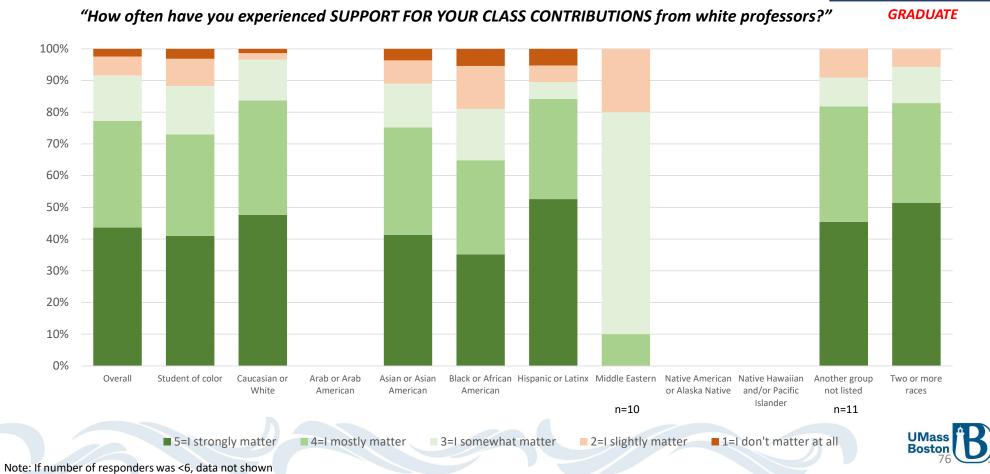
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CLASSROOMS: White Professors

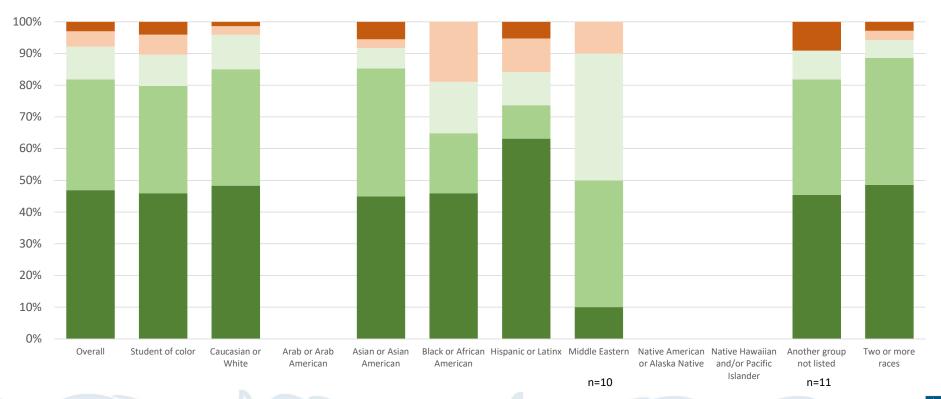


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CLASSROOMS: White Professors GRADUATE





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