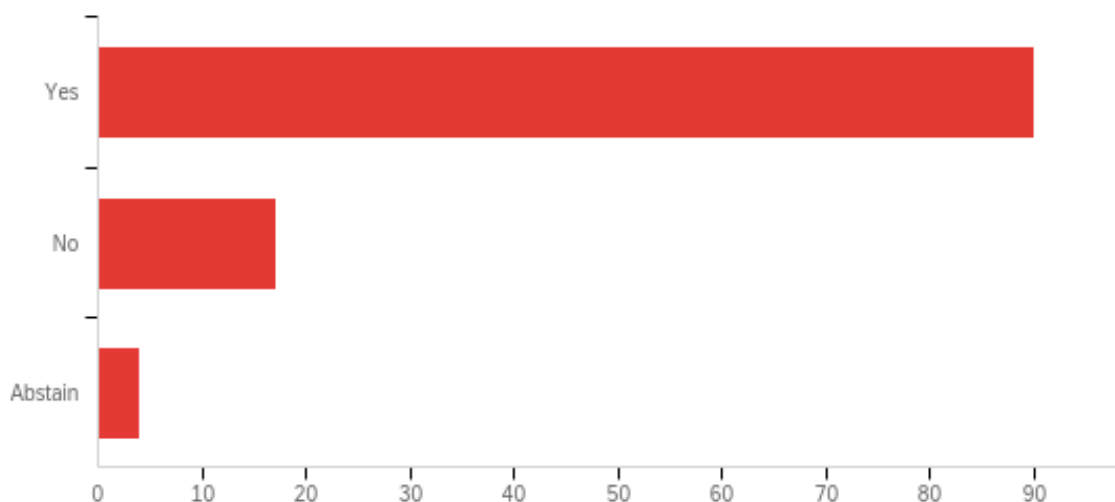


Q1 - Are you in favor of the proposed resolution to maintain a Basic Swim Competency Graduation Requirement for all Cornell University Undergraduates Students?



Q16 - Comments

ultimately swayed by my department, maybe would have been nice to hear directly from students

Quaint vestige of a bygone era.

I did not find the few anecdotes shared to be convincing evidence of its necessity or effectiveness.

I am not informed well enough to decide on a Yes/No.

I worked as a swimming instructor and lifeguard for years as a teenager and in college. I am completely aware of the reasons for wanting to teach every last human how to swim. However, swimming is just not a thing in various cultures outside of the USA. Indeed, some are simply too afraid of the water to be able to learn to swim without extreme anxiety. I would not make that a condition of graduation for anyone and that goes double in view of the culturally uneven impact of such a requirement.

I do not support making the Swim Competency Graduation Requirement a requirement for a Cornell academic degree. I do support the notion that after taking two swim courses, a student will be allowed to graduate, despite unsuccessful completion of the competency requirement.

I think this is a very sensible resolution. I think the changes to the actual test make sense too. I would keep the old name though, just for tradition's sake.

Agree with everything they said. A right of passage not enough to keep, but teaching people to not drown is an important life skill and our requirement should continue in proposed process.

The new Red Cross guidelines provide an excellent compromise between the current requirement (which I would have favored keeping for the safety reasons outlined here) and eliminating the requirement, which would have been a big mistake.