



Growing pains: Responding to growth in an undergraduate nursing program

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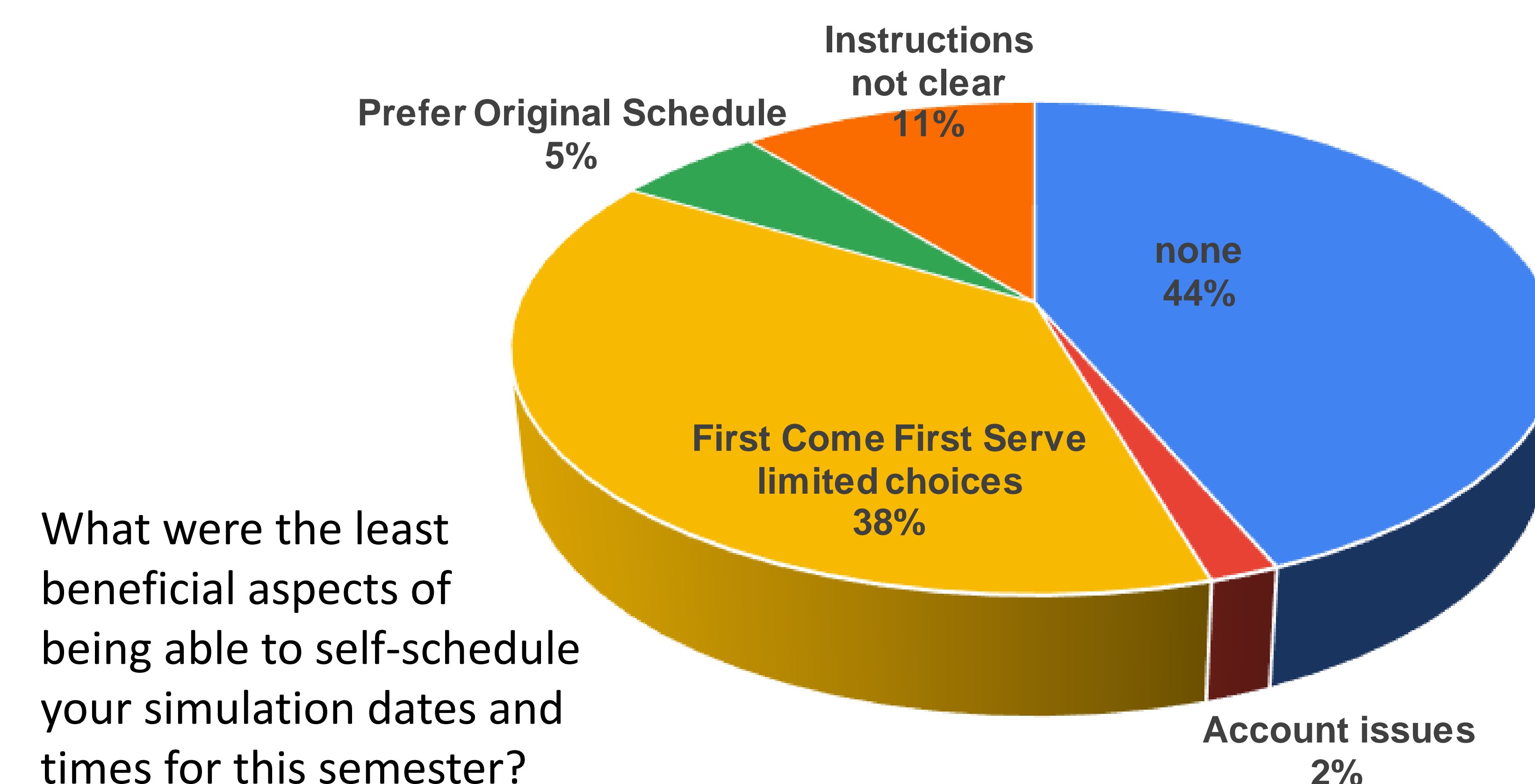
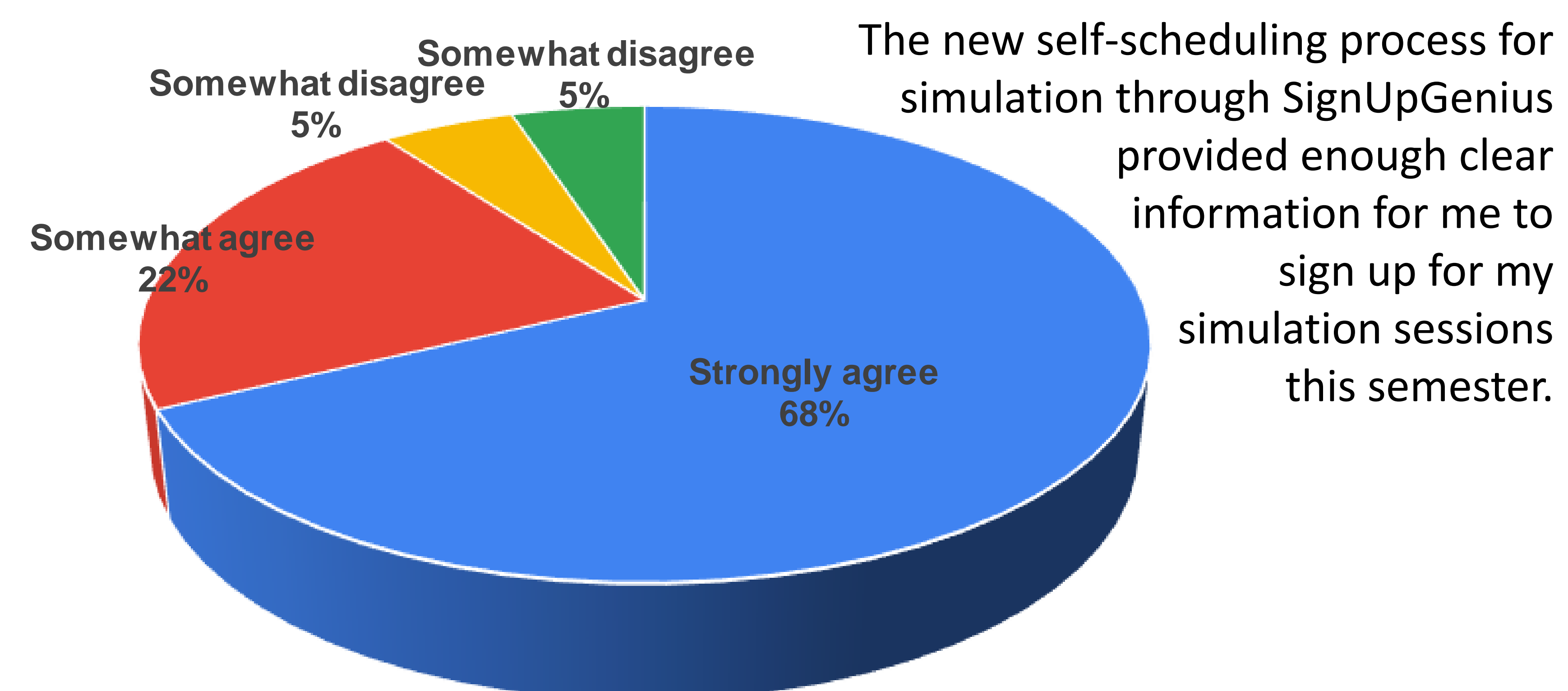
Rationale

- A nursing shortage looms across the nation causing new nursing graduates to leave rural states to pursue increased salaries in neighboring urban areas.
- To counteract the shortage of RN's in Idaho, Boise State University has expanded its undergraduate BSN program to address the dilemma.
- Traditional scheduling in the simulation center created a bottle-neck which would have decreased simulation time for nursing students.

Purpose/Aims

Faculty and simulation staff devised a student self-scheduling plan that accommodated increasing student enrollment from 60 students to 80 students per semester without decreasing the number of simulation experiences.

Results



Methods

Qualtrics anonymous survey questions given to 3 different classes/semesters:

1. What were the most beneficial aspects of being able to self-schedule your simulation dates and times for this course?
2. What were the least beneficial aspects of being able to self-schedule your simulation dates and times for this semester?
3. Do you have other comments about the self-scheduling system that you want to share?
4. The new self-scheduling process for simulation through SignUpGenius provided enough clear information for me to sign up for my simulation sessions this semester:

Strongly agree → Strongly disagree

Clinical Relevance

We were able to serve all of the students without decreasing the quality and amount of simulation. 90% of students evaluated simulation self-scheduling positively.