The New Qs: First Look at the GSQ

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What’s in the GSQ?

• Administered to graduating students

• Collects data on:
  – Student demographics
  – Finances
  – Satisfaction with educational & student services
  – Professional plans & placement

• Useful to colleagues in:
  – Development, faculty, academic and student services
deans, alumni/ae relations, and… admissions?!
Qs Revision

• @ ATS since 1996

• Updated every 5-6 years

• Most recent revision: 2007-08
  – Launch of online surveys
  – Adjustment to debt categories
What are they changing?!
Why are they changing it?
When is lunch?
What does this mean for our students?
What if.. We get confused?
Why revise?

ATS Database
- alignment of data categories

Revised Commission Standards
- New ES (Educational Standard)
- globalization / interreligious theme

Student Debt
- increasing levels
- family debt

Changes in Educational and Professional Plans
- demonstrated prominence of MA Academic degrees
- results of previous surveys
- rise of alternative educational contexts
- changing professional plans / bivocational work

denial * anger * bargaining * depression * acceptance
What IS changing?
Lots, but it’s all good (really)
25 questions affected
   Edits, deletions, additions
Related reports amended
New reports added

What ISN’T changing?
QMI interface
   Batch management remains same!
Survey interface
   Your students won’t notice a thing.
### GSQ QUESTION REVISIONS

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Text of new survey can be found at [http://www.ats.edu/resources/student-data/using qs](http://www.ats.edu/resources/student-data/using qs)
GSQ REPORT REVISIONS

• New MA Academic tables
• New aggregated tables
• New student debt tables
• Some gender tables replaced with Educational Context
In short.....

• Better consistency among surveys
• MA Academic and aggregate charts added
• New crosstabs for student debt
• Educational delivery as variable
• Educational effectiveness measured