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## **Executive Summary**

The Move UBC initiative to help students, staff, and faculty at the University of British Columbia (UBC) to become more active, has recently completed its third campaign. During the month of February, Move UBC hosts a variety of free and low-cost events on the UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses. In addition to increasing physical activity levels on campus, Move UBC aims to raise awareness about the health risks of a sedentary lifestyle, which include physical, mental, and emotional deficits (Allen, Walter, & Swann, 2019; Patterson et al., 2018; Zhai, Zhang, & Zhang, 2014). Considering the importance of the Move UBC initiative, it is necessary to examine the factors influencing lack of participation in Move UBC events.

This project, Commuter & Resident Student Non-Participants for Move UBC, aimed to determine the interests and barriers faced by non-participant undergraduate commuter and resident students on the UBC Vancouver campus. Directly following the conclusion of Move UBC, commuter and resident students were surveyed to determine their preferred mode of advertising, their interests in terms of events, as well as their reasons for not participating in Move UBC. Results indicated that commuters were drawn to Move UBC events to be more active whereas residents were interested to be more social and to have fun. Responses further showed that students preferred social media as a means of receiving information about Move UBC. Students demonstrated interest in the campaign and suggested a need for advanced and detailed promotion of events, as well as more varied events. Overall, students were favourable to the Move UBC initiative and willing to provide recommendations for how to improve participation.

Based on the results of this project, it is recommended that Move UBC begin advertising further in advance, providing more details on events and timings. Furthermore, Move UBC should increase its use of social media as a means of advertising and engaging students. Finally, students indicated a need for more varied events, suggesting that Move UBC diversify its event listings. Further evidence-based suggestions are provided within the report. These recommendations are provided in the hopes of increasing participation in the Move UBC campaign, an initiative that has significant positive health impacts on the university population.

# Introduction & Literature Review

In accordance with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Wellbeing's (2017) Action Framework to Increase Physical Activity and Reduce Sedentary Behavior, Move UBC was introduced as an initiative to improve physical activity rates on campus during the month of February (Move UBC, 2019a). Building off the Okanagan Charter, UBC aims to incorporate health promotion into all areas of campus culture. as well as to become a leader in promoting health locally and globally (UBC Wellbeing, 2017). During February, events are listed for every weekday on the Move UBC website, with times varying from early morning to late evening across the UBC campuses in Vancouver and the Okanagan (Move UBC, 2019a). A variety of free and low-cost activities are offered, including



Move UBC strives to "increase physical activity and reduce the time students, staff, faculty and the UBC community spend sitting"

(Move UBC, 2019b).



fitness, sports, walking, yoga, and speaking events (Move UBC, 2019a). Events are organized for students, staff and faculty, and families (Move UBC, 2019a). Overall, Move UBC strives to "increase physical activity and reduce the time students, staff, faculty and the UBC community spend sitting" (Move UBC, 2019b).

Considering the sedentary nature of the university lifestyle, the importance of introducing opportunities for physical activity on campus is clear (Move UBC, 2019a). Move UBC is attempting to "decrease sedentary behavior and increase physical activity to achieve and maintain good health" (Move UBC, 2019b). Sedentary behaviour has been linked to chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, depression, and anxiety (Allen et al., 2019; Patterson et al., 2018; Zhai et al., 2014). Participation in initiatives such as Move UBC can potentially improve the health and wellbeing of students across campus. This project, therefore, aimed to identify the barriers faced by commuter and resident undergraduate students that prevent them from participating in Move UBC on the UBC Vancouver campus. These findings may then inform campaign planners to better cater to the unique barriers faced by commuter and resident students.

In designing this project, Move UBC's use of social media to promote the campaign was identified as a potential target to improve campus awareness. Research has shown that university students' use of social media is positively correlated with engagement in campus co-curricular activities, especially for students who RSVP to events (Junco, 2012). Therefore, an online presence is necessary to enhance awareness and encourage students to participate in Move UBC events. The most successful social media strategies by universities involved high levels of interaction with students online (Rutter, Roper, & Lettice, 2016). Social media validation, such as "liking" and reposting student comments posts, also resulted in increased engagement (Rutter et al., 2016). In terms of health promotion specifically, analysis of social media campaigns from wearable fitness

companies such as Fitbit and Garmin found Instagram to be the most engaging platform for health messaging, despite Facebook garnering more followers (Edney et al., 2018). In particular, inspirational imagery with a focus on selfimprovement and healthy goals made the strongest impressions on social media users (Edney et al., 2018). Overall, research indicates that social media is a useful method to raise awareness about the Move UBC initiative and increase engagement in campus events. This project's examination of non-participants considered current methods of social media communication with students, as well as student preferences for receiving event information through social media.

A review of recent literature suggests that most university students perceive lack of time as the main barrier to lack of exercise (Arzu, Tuzun, & Eker, 2006). Students are concerned with academic success, and often balance their time between school and social commitments (Arzu et al., 2006). Many students also feel that they don't have enough energy to engage in physical activity, while some simply are uninterested in exercising (Arzu et al., 2006).



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Furthermore, previous research has shown commuter and resident students each face different stressors and motivators that affect whether they are involved with physical activity on campus (Burlison, 2015; Newbold, 2015). Commuter students face more constraints on their time, including work hours, family responsibilities, and time lost in transit (Burlison, 2015; Newbold, 2015). The added inconvenience of traveling long distances is another source of stress that may tax a commuter student's energy and finances (Newbold, 2015).

However, the time pressure faced by commuter students necessitates the development of better time management skills than resident students, who rely more on social supports as a coping mechanism (Newbold, 2015). Since resident students are more involved with clubs, teams, and social organizations, they may naturally be more inclined to participate in on-campus events that promote physical activity, such as Move UBC (Newbold, 2015). Commuter students, on the other hand, must sacrifice social supports in order to meet academic, work, and demands (Newbold, 2015). incapacity to turn to social events as part of their coping strategies may result in commuter students being a major non-participant group for Move UBC.

Based on this research, the project aimed to examine the following: (1) non-participants' awareness of the Move UBC campaign, (2) non-participants' interests in participating in Move UBC, and (3) barriers that prevent non-participants from engaging in Move UBC events.

### Methods

#### **Participants**

Commuter and resident students of the UBC Vancouver campus were the participants in this study. Commuter students were defined as students who do not live in student residence on the UBC Vancouver campus, but live off-campus and take some form of transportation to campus, including bicycles, buses, trains, and personal car. Resident students were defined as students who are living on any student residence on the UBC Vancouver campus.

#### Surveys

Data was collected via online surveys, which were chosen rather than interviews in order to reduce the time commitment and thus improve participation (Biddix, 2015; Newbold, 2015). Surveys are also considered to be one of the main methodologies for assessing student needs (Biddix, 2015).

Survey questions and potential responses were formulated based on evidence from research (see Appendix A). For instance, the responses for how students have heard about Move UBC includes the two major social media platforms used by universities found by Bélanger, Bali, and Longden (2014), namely Facebook and Twitter. Additionally, students who were asked about the reason that they have not attended Move UBC events were presented with evidence-based options from studies that examined student participation in on-campus events, such as lack of time and other priorities (Arzu et. al., 2006). A free form response option was also provided in order to gain a richer understanding of student-specific barriers that may be unique to the commuter or resident student experience at UBC (Biddix, 2015).

The survey for this study was created using a UBC survey software which is provided through Qualtrics (UBC Information Technology, 2019). This survey tool features a large variety of question types and includes the ability to branch the survey depending on responses (UBC IT, 2019). Most importantly, the survey tool we use is compliant with BC privacy laws because its servers are located in Canada (UBC IT, 2019).

#### Recruitment

Since the project's methods were not approved until later February, data collection occurred between March 3 and March 20, after the Move UBC event had finished. This afforded the opportunity to collect data on the success of the campaign.



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Students were approached in the common area of Woodward IRC, a building that was chosen for convenience as data collection occurred during class time. Furthermore, Woodward IRC contains large study spaces which are used by students from a variety of faculties. Students were approached and asked if they would like to participate in a five-minute survey for a class project on improving UBC promotional efforts. In order to prevent self-selection, participants were not given information

about Move UBC. Those who agreed to participate received the consent form assuring that their responses were anonymous and there would be no chance that their data will be linked back to them (Appendix B).

Students completed the survey on the researcher's tablet, though an offline survey was also available in case of internet difficulties. Participants were also asked whether they would be willing to forward the survey link to others, without providing additional information about Move UBC. In this way, snowball sampling was achieved to increase the participant sample size.

#### Data Collection

The survey was branched in nature, allowing for data collection on various student experiences (Figure 1). Students were initially asked whether they had heard of Move UBC, thus providing the opportunity to learn about student awareness of the campaign. Those students who had heard of the campaign were asked how they had learned about Move UBC. These questions were designed to determine the methods of advertising that were effective for the campaign.

Students were next asked whether they had attended a Move UBC event. Since this project focuses on non-participants, the survey then ended for those who had participated in Move UBC. Non-participants were further asked why they had not attended an event and what would make them more likely to attend Move UBC. This provided insight into the barriers faced by commuter and resident students.

Students who indicated that they had not heard of Move UBC were provided with the Move UBC calendar and information about the campaign. They were then asked whether they would be interested in attending an event. Those who indicated interest were asked why, in order

to learn more about non-participant interests. Those who indicated lack of interest were asked what might make them more likely to attend a Move UBC event. Both branches of this section of the survey included a question about students' preferred method of advertising to further gain insight into raising awareness of the campaign.

#### Data Analysis

Survey responses were downloaded from the UBC survey website as a Microsoft Excel file on March 22 for data analysis. Data cleaning strategies included deleting unnecessary responses. Incomplete responses and responses taken by research assistants were deleted upon downloading the data. All data analyses were performed in Microsoft Excel.

Demographics of participants were analysed using frequency counts and percentages in order to show the distribution of participants' year and program of study, and whether they take transportation to attend school.

Quantitative analysis included frequency counts and percentages. The following variables were analysed quantitatively: "Heard of Move UBC", "Month of Move UBC", "How have they heard of Move UBC", "Attended a Move UBC event", "Interested in attending", "Why is it of interest to attend", "Advertising preferences", and "Reason for not attending a Move UBC event".

Qualitative analysis included thematic analysis of open-ended responses whereby half of the researchers discovered themes simultaneously and the other half corroborated results independently. The following questions were analysed qualitatively: "Why heard but haven't attended any Move UBC events", "More likely to attend if heard", and "More likely to attend if haven't heard and not interested".

#### Challenges

There were a number of challenges that occurred during data collection. The most significant challenge that impacted data collection was that the methods for this project were not approved until late February. In addition to that, the majority of students, both commuter and resident students, were not on campus for a week at the end of February due to UBC's Reading Week at the end of February. As both of these challenges were due to external factors that could not be manipulated, we were unable to start data collection until the beginning of March, which was after Move UBC ended.

Another challenge that occurred during data collection was ensuring that there was an equal number of commuter students and resident students that participated in our study. The majority of the first half of the participants were commuter students. Therefore, at some points during data collection, we had to focus on recruiting participants that were resident students in order to balance out the large number of commuter students.

Challenges that occurred during data analysis included not having a big enough

sample to compare differences across groups. Furthermore, the lack of sample size prevented a comprehensive understanding of each group, as the branched nature of the survey restricted participants to seeing only a small subset of questions. To overcome these challenges, future researchers may want to increase the sample size and include a variety of sampling techniques in order to collect data from a more representative sample.

## Results

Fourteen participants completed the branched survey. Demographics for participants can be found in Table 1 below. Nine commuters and five residents took the survey, the majority of whom were upper level Kinesiology students (Table 1). Figure 1 provides an illustration of the branched nature of the survey and it also shows the number of participants that responded to specific questions.

**Table 1.** Demographics of participants collected (N=14). Participants were identified as either a commuter or resident student, and they listed their year and program of study.

	Number of	Percentage of		Number of	Percentage of
	students	students		students	students
Transportation category			Program of study	W. P. V. V. V.	
Commuter	9	64.3	Applied science	1	7.1
Resident	5	35.7	Business	1	7.1
Year of study			Cognitive science	1	7.1
1	0	0.0	Counselling Psychology (MA)	1	7.1
2	1	7.1	Film production	1	7.1
3	3	21.4	Kinesiology	7	50.0
4	8	57.1	Physiology	1	7.1
Second degree - Year 3	1	7.1	Psychology (BA)	1	7.1
Masters degree - Year 2	1	7.1			

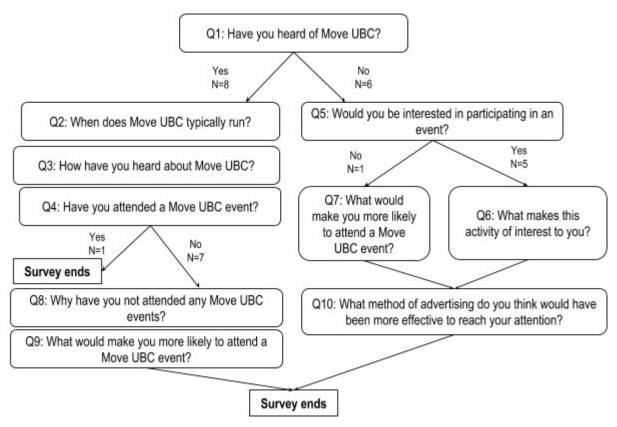


Figure 1. Illustration of the study survey with its associated branches.

Quantitative analysis yielded several interesting frequency counts and percentages, which can be found in Table 2. Just over half of participants had heard of Move UBC (57%) mostly via posters and floor signage (75%), but only one of eight had attended an event (Table 2). People who had heard of Move UBC cited "Other priorities" and "No interest" as the top two reasons they had not attended an event (Table

2). The majority of participants who had not heard of Move UBC were interested in participating in an event (83%) citing "It looks fun" and "I need to be more active" as the top two reasons (Table 2). All of the participants who had not heard of Move UBC cited "Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)" as the method of advertising that would have been most effective to reach their attention (Table 2).

**Table 2.** Frequency count of quantitative questions. Fourteen participants took the branched survey. \* = percentage of students who took the branch of the survey asking this question. An illustration of all survey questions can be seen in Figure 1 and Appendix A.

	Number of	Percentage of		Number of	Percentage of	
	students	students*		students	students*	
Q1: Have you heard of Move	UBC?		Q5: Would you be interested in participal	nting in an event	?	
Yes	8	57.1	Yes	5	83.3	
No	6	42.9	No	1	16.7	
Q2: When does Move UBC ty	pically run?		Q6: What makes this activity of interest	to you?		
January	2	25.0	It looks fun	2	33.3	
February	4	50.0	I need to be more active	2	33.3	
March	1	12.5	An opporunity to socialize	1	16.7	
October	1	12.5	Q10: What method of advertising do you effective to reach your attention?	u think would ha	ve been more	
Q3: How have you heard abo	ut Move UBC?		Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	6	100.0	
Floor signage	2	25.0	Q8a: Why have you not attended any M	love UBC events	3?	
In class announcements	1	12.5	Inconvenient time	1	14.3	
Posters	4	50.0	No interest	2	28.6	
Word of mouth	1	12.5	Other priorities	3	42.9	
Q4: Have you attended a Mo	ve UBC event?		"[l] didn't know where they were"	1	14.3	
Yes	1	12.5				
No	7	87.5				

Qualitative analysis revealed three major themes which can be found in Table 3. Specifically, people would be more likely to attend a Move UBC event if (1) "More information about times and locations were provided in

promotional efforts", (2) "Move UBC was promoted earlier and more often", and (3) "There was more variety of events during the month of Move UBC".

Table 3. Thematic analysis of qualitative questions. There were three opportunities for participants to respond about Move UBC's promotional efforts in an open-ended way. First, if people had heard of Move UBC but had not attended events and chose "Other" for Q8b. Second, if people had not heard of Move UBC and were not interested in participating in an event, they could explain what would make them more likely to attend (Q7). Finally, participants who had heard of Move UBC but had not attended could discuss what would make them more likely to attend an event (Q9).

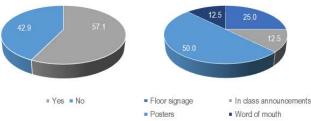
Theme	Questions	Quotes
(1) Include more information about times and locations of	Q8b: Why have you not attended any Move UBC	Resident, year 4: "[I] didn't know where they were"
events in promotional materials	Q9: What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?	Commuter, year 3a: "More [information] on events" Resident, year 4: "If I knew [the] time and location"
(2) Promote Move UBC earlier and more often	Q9: What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?	Commuter, year 4a: "Increased promotion and posters around campus"  Commuter, year 3b: "Schedule of events released at least a month ahead of time"
(3) Adding more variety to the events	Q9: What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event? Q7: What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?	Commuter, year 4b: "If there [were] more events announced"  Commuter, year 4c: "Other times, more choices in activities"

### Discussion

#### Responses

The sample size obtained through recruitment and snowball sampling exceeded expectations and allowed for a saturated data set. Additionally, completion of the open-ended survey questions was fairly thorough, allowing for more rich, detailed information about students' perspectives. However, it is important to note that our sample size is not large enough to generalize our findings to the entire UBC population. That being said, our study provides valuable input from commuter and resident students on the promotional efforts of Move UBC.





According to the project's data, 57% of students were aware of Move UBC (Table 2). This may be associated with the disproportionate representation of Kinesiology students in the sample, who by nature of their area of study, are more inclined to hear about physical activity efforts on campus. Interestingly, of the 8 respondents who had heard of Move UBC, only 4 were able to accurately state the month in which the campaign ran (Table 2). This implies that the campaign has not reached a large portion of the student population and that it has not been effective enough for those it has reached.

Half the respondents who had heard of Move UBC did so through posters, indicating that this method of advertising was more effective than floor signage and in-class announcements (Table 2). It is worth noting that there were no students who had heard of Move UBC through social media. However, of the respondents who had not heard of Move UBC, 100% indicated that they would prefer to receive information on the campaign through social media (Table 2). These findings align with research on university student participation and engagement with physical activity campaigns on campus (Junco, 2012; Rutter et al., 2016). This indicates that social media is a potential area for Move UBC to improve awareness of events on campus.

Improving awareness of Move UBC is important, since five of the six respondents who did not participate in events indicated that they would be interested in doing so after seeing the calendar of events (Table 2). Activities were perceived by most respondents as fun and many expressed an awareness that it would help them become more active (Table 2). These findings are encouraging as they suggest that students are receptive to the goals and messaging of Move UBC.



# Q: What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?

A: If there were other times, and more choices in the events. – Commuter, Y4



Reasons for why respondents did not or would not attend a Move UBC event were largely due to other priorities, which corresponds to research on lack of physical activity among university students (Table 2; Arzu et al., 2006). Students further expressed a desire to have

more varied events and event times, suggesting that Move UBC may need to adjust the scheduling and organization of its events (Table 3).

Additionally, respondents felt that more effective advertising that was conducted earlier in advance of the campaign may have improved the possibility of them participating in Move UBC (Table 3). Respondents also expressed confusion about event locations, further emphasizing the need for effective advertising. These student recommendations provide key areas for Move UBC to address before next February's campaign.



# Q: Why have you not attended any Move UBC events?

A: I didn't know where they were... If I knew the time and location, I would be more likely to attend. – Resident, Y4



#### Commuters vs residents

Comparing and contrasting residents and commuters reveal many similarities and a few differences. Similarities included overall student interest in participating in a Move UBC event, although the one person who expressed no interest was a commuter student. Furthermore, both commuters and residents had heard of Move UBC via similar channels (posters, and floor signage), though some commuters cited word of mouth and in class announcements as their main informants. The differences between the responses of commuters and residents were mainly in reasons they found events interesting.

All commuter students who expressed interest to attend cited personal reasons whereas residents expressed social reasons. Specifically, commuters were interested in events that would help them be more active whereas residents were interested because they looked fun and it provided an opportunity to socialize. These results corroborate previous literature in that students who commute to school typically engage in exercise to be more active whereas residents engage in physical activities to socialize (Burlison, 2015; Newbold, 2015).

#### Limitations

Though the data obtained was robust and corresponded to other research conducted on similar campaigns, this project was unable to conduct data collection during Move UBC's campaign itself. Therefore, data on student awareness during the height of campaign promotion was not obtained. Additionally, UBC Vancouver's Reading Week coinciding with Move UBC likely contributed to student nonparticipation in the events. Lack of awareness about Move UBC, therefore, may have been confounded by the fact that commuter students, in particular, were not exposed to the posters as often as resident students. Future studies of Move UBC non-participants, therefore, should have data collection during the campaign itself.

Initial planning for this project included data collection at student residences and commuter student hubs on the UBC Vancouver campus. However, due to time limitations, data collection was restricted to a single building. Though a variety of participants were sampled, the data may not have been as representative of students who frequent residences and commuter hubs. More time should be allotted to data collection and more varied locations on campus should be sampled in future studies. This would

also allow for larger sample sizes and different types of participants, thus producing more generalizable results for the UBC population.

#### Project Objectives

The main objectives of the project were to identify commuter and resident student nonparticipant (1) awareness, (2) interests, and (3) barriers to participating in Move UBC events. Overall, this project determined that just over half of respondents were aware of Move UBC, but all of those who had not heard of the campaign preferred doing so through social media. The majority of respondents were interested in Move UBC, commuters to be more physically active and residents to socialize with others. Finally, the main barrier to participating in Move UBC was other priorities, which literature indicates are academic in nature (Arzu et al., 2006). Since the project researchers are also students at UBC Vancouver, it can be inferred that students were preoccupied with midterm and paper deadlines, which are largely grouped within the month of February.

## Recommendations

Based on the project's data, there are 4 main recommendations that may help improve participation in Move UBC events: (1) more effective advertising, (2) the use of social media, (3) more varied events, and (4) an emphasis on small, daily physical activities to improve health.

First, the results of this project found that students would like to receive more information about Move UBC events and would appreciate more long-term promotion by the campaign (Table 3). In order to address these concerns, we recommend that partners include information on times and locations in promotional materials. For

example, posting calendars detailing events on campus, or even providing the events week by week on televisions in popular buildings would increase awareness and meet students' needs. These should be provided earlier than in previous campaigns.



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Furthermore, the lack of awareness about the Move UBC campaign coupled with the overwhelming preference for advertising through social media indicates that Move UBC should conduct an analysis of its social media use and effectiveness as a means of advertising. Research supports the notion that the use of social media increases the likelihood of university students participating in campus events (Junco, 2012). If Move UBC uses social media, high levels of engagement and interaction with students online would increase social media validation (Rutter et al., 2016). This validation will increase engagement between undergraduates and the Move UBC campaign, thereby increasing the number of students participating in events (Rutter et al., 2016). Additionally, Move UBC should consider using Instagram, the social media platform that has the highest level of engagement with undergraduates compared to platforms such as Facebook or Twitter (Edney et al., 2018). Using a platform that primarily uses

photos, images, and other visual features would most likely be more effective in encouraging students to participate in healthy activities than other platforms, particularly when the images are inspirational in nature (Edney et al., 2018).

Additionally, though students already indicated an interest in existing activities, respondents suggested a preference for more varied events and event times (Table 3). An examination of 38 American colleges and universities found that students most enjoy engaging in cardiovascular and weight training, as well as open recreation events such as playing volleyball or basketball (Forrester, 2014). These events should be considered for future Move UBC organizers.

The final recommendation was not part of this project's initial objectives, but was gleaned during data analysis. This area includes providing more of an emphasis on small, daily physical activities that improve health, rather than going to a physical activity event. During the frequency analysis of the multiple choice question asking why students would want to participate in the events, one-third of respondents said they wanted to be more active (Table 2). While Move UBC promotes engaging in physical activities during the month of February, if their eventual goal is for students to view small acts of movement as a part of their daily routine, the organizers should consider further promoting their tips on being active throughout the day.

Research shows that students generally view vigorous physical activity as exercise, but don't hold this same view for other, less vigorous forms of movement, such as walking (Rebar, Maher, Doerksen, Elavsky, & Conroy, 2016). They further deduced that students do not realize the health benefits that simpler forms of exercise can provide, thus increasing the need to educate students on the health benefits of engaging in more movement throughout the day, as well as promoting Move UBC's website for tips on how to do so, preferably on social media (Rebar et al., 2016). Therefore, the Move UBC organizers should prioritize their Move U Crews, which provide in-class health behaviour tips for moving throughout the day.

# Significance

This project was successfully able to meet its objectives. In addition, it provided important insight into the needs and beliefs of commuter and resident students on the UBC Vancouver The data campus. and recommendations generated in this project will hopefully improve participation in Move UBC's fourth annual event in 2020. Greater participation in Move UBC benefits the health of the entire UBC campus, meeting the goal of the Okanagan Charter to improve wellbeing across university campuses.

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#### Appendix A

#### **Participant Consent**

KIN 464: Health Promotion and Physical Activity

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#### The purpose of the class project:

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Consent.
Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time.
Your choice below indicates that you have received a copy of this consent form for your own records.
Have you received a copy of this consent form?
O Yes
O No
By progressing to the next page of this survey, you indicate that you consent to participate in this study.
Introduction Block
Please pick the option that best describes you:
O Commuter student
Resident student (live on campus)
What program are you in?
What year of study are you in?

have you attended a move UBC event?
O Yes
O No

#### Have not heard of Move UBC

Move UBC happens in the month of February and aims to get students, staff, and faculty to move more and sit less.

Take a look at the calendar for this month below:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	11:55 am Cha Cha Slide! Move UBC Kick-Off!	11:00 am Power Cycle
					3:30 pm \$10 Friday Night Big White Bus	1:00 pm Drop-In Public Swim
					7:00 pm Introductory Waltz Lesson and Social Dance	5:15 pm Public Skate
					7:15 pm Family Drop-in Gymnastics	
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11:15 am Hydro Board Fitness	10:00 am Brain-Body Fitness Class	11:00 am Family Drop-In Gymnastics	10:00 am HIIT Learn and Move	11:00 am Family Drop-In Gymnastics	10:00 am Brain-Body Fitness Class	11:00 am Power Cycle
	12:00 pm Drop-in Volleyball	11:30 am Drop-in Badminton	12:00 pm Drop-in Volleyball	11:30 am Drop-in Badminton	3:30 pm \$10 Friday Night Big White Bus	1:00 pm Drop-In Public Swim
	5:05 pm Move More, Learn More	7:30 pm Dancin' with KiWe x UBC Dance Club	12:00 pm Lunchtime Staff & Faculty Volleyball	12:00 pm Wellbeing Walks	6:00 pm Move & Groove	5:15 pm Public Skate
	8:00 pm Teen & Adult Drop- In Gymnastics		12:00 pm The Sculpture Trivia	12:00 pm Brain-Body Fitness Class	7:15 pm Family Drop-in Gymnastics	
			5:05 pm Move More, Learn More	6:15 pm UBC Yoga Rave	7:30 pm Ballroom Dance Lesson	
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			In Gymnastics			
10		12	13	14	15	
9:30 am Sportball Parent & Tot	Wellbeing Challenge					
11:15 am Hydro Board Fitness	10:00 am Brain-Body Fitness Class	9:00 am Staff and Faculty Travelling Health Fair (Kidney Health)	9:15 am Staff and Faculty Travelling Health Fair (Kidney Health)	11:00 am Family Drop-In Gymnastics	10:00 am Brain-Body Fitness Class	1:00 pm Drop-In Public Swim
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	5:05 pm Move More, Learn More	12:00 pm Recess in the Life Building	12:00 pm Recess in the Life Building	12:00 pm Ride Smooth(ie)ly	4:30 pm Laser Tag	
	6:30 pm Library Games Night	12:00 pm Zumba Party	12:00 pm Lettuce Turnip the Beet: Nutrition for Physical Activity Workshop	12:00 pm All Youth Matter: Inclusion Training	6:00 pm Move & Groove	
	8:00 pm Teen & Adult Drop- In Gymnastics	8:30 pm Afro-Caribbean Zumba	12:00 pm The Know-Where Walk to UBC Recreation	12:00 pm Recess in the Life Building	7:00 pm Introductory Cha- Cha Lesson and Social Dance	
			1:00 pm Intro to Sit-Stand Desks	12:00 pm Wellbeing Walks	7:15 pm Family Drop-in Gymnastics	
			2:30 pm Ergo Your Office Training	12:00 pm Brain-Body Fitness Class	7:30 pm Ballroom Dance Lesson	

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What makes this activity of interest to you?

0	The time slot works for me
0	It looks fun
0	An opportunity to socialize
0	I need to be more active
0	Other (please explain)
Wh	at would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?
Wh	at method of advertising do you think would have been more effective to reach your attention?
0	Social media (Facebook, Twittter, Instagram, etc.)
0	Posters
0	Floor signage
0	In class announcements
0	Other (please explain)
Ha	ve heard of Move UBC - Not attended
Wh	y have you not attended any Move UBC events?
0	Inconvenient time
0	Inconvenient location
0	Other priorities
0	No interest
0	Other (please explain)
Wh	at would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?

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#### Appendix B

#### **KIN 464: Health Promotion and Physical Activity**

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# Appendix C

		Duration			
StartDate	EndDate	(in	Finished	Consent	Comm_Res
		seconds)			
Start Date	End Date	Duration (in seconds)	Finished	Have you received a copy of this consent form?	Please pick the option that best describes you:
2019-03-07 10:39		66	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student
2019-03-07 16:41	2019-03-07 16:43	160	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student Resident student
2019-03-08 20:16	2019-03-08 20:17	60	TRUE	Vos	(live on campus)
2019-03-08 20:16				Yes Yes	Commuter student
2019-03-12 10.30	2019-03-12 10.30	32	INUE	163	Commuter student
2019-03-12 11:12	2019-03-12 11:17	264	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student
2019-03-12 13:51	2019-03-12 13:52	58	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student
					Resident student
2019-03-12 14:30	2019-03-12 14:32	132	TRUE	Yes	(live on campus)
					Resident student
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2019-03-14 11:04	2019-03-14 11:07	142	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student
2019-03-14 11:07	2019-03-14 11:12	301	TRUE	No	Commuter student
					Resident student
2019-03-14 18:58	2019-03-14 19:00	100	TRUE	Yes	(live on campus)
2019-03-16 10:32	2019-03-16 10:33	63	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student
2019-03-20 13:13	2019-03-20 13:15	132	TRUE	Yes	Commuter student

Program	Year	Year_5_TEXT	Move UBC
What program are you in?	·	What year of study are you in? - Other (please explain) - Text	Have you heard of Move UBC?
KIN	4		Yes
BA Psychology	3		Yes
Cogntive Systems	4		Yes
Kinesiology	4		Yes
Kinesiology	4		Yes
Kinesiology	4		Yes
BComm Business &			
Computer Science	3		Yes
Applied Science	2		No
Film Production	4		No
Kinesiology	Other (please explain)	3/4 Year Second Degree	!No
CAPS (Physiology)	3		Yes
Counselling Psychology	2		No
Kinesiology	4		No
Kinesiology	4		No

Yes_Typically Run	Yes_How Heard	Yes_How Heard_6_TEXT	Yes_Attended	No_Interest
When does Move UBC typically run?	How have you heard about Move UBC? - Selected Choice	How have you heard about Move UBC? - Other (please explain) - Text	Have you attended a Move UBC event?	Would you be interested in participating in an event?
February	Floor signage		No	
February	Posters		No	
October	Posters		No	
March	Posters		No	
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February	Floor signage		No	
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January	Posters		No	
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What makes this activity of interest to you? - Selected Choice	What makes this activity of interest to you? - Other (please explain) - Text	What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?	
It looks fun			
It looks fun			
I need to be more active			
An opportunity to socialize			
I need to be more active		Other time options, more	

choices in activities

No_Outreach	No_Outreach_5_TEXT	Not attended_Why
What method of advertising do you think would have been more effective to reach your attention? Selected Choice	What method of advertising do you think would have been more effective to reach your attention? - Other (please explain) - Text	Why have you not attended any Move UBC events? - Selected Choice
		Inconvenient time
		No interest
		Other (please explain)
		No interest
		Other priorities
Social media (Facebook, Twittter, Instagram, etc.)		Other priorities
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		Other priorities
Social media (Facebook, Twittter,		
Instagram, etc.)		
Social media (Facebook, Twittter, Instagram, etc.)		
Social media (Facebook, Twittter,		
Instagram, etc.)		

Not attended_Why_4_TEXT	Not attended_Likely
Why have you not attended any Move UBC events? - Other (please explain) - Text	What would make you more likely to attend a Move UBC event?
	if there was more events announced More info on events
didn't know where they were	if i knew time and location NA Increased promotion and posters around campus
	Schedule of events released at least a month ahead of time