Morehouse School of Medicine:

Expanding to Maximize our Social Mission

Class Expansion Task Force

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Why Class Expansion?

- To address the shortage of physicians nationally and in the State of Georgia
- To produce more primary care physicians
- To add to the diversity of the physician workforce
- To remain consistent with the mission of MSM
- Share the unique culture of MSM with more students

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Preparing for Class Expansion

- Class Expansion Task Force was established by the Dean
- Task Force to engage key stakeholders
- Surveys, focus groups conducted by Task Force
- Dissemination of Information (ongoing)

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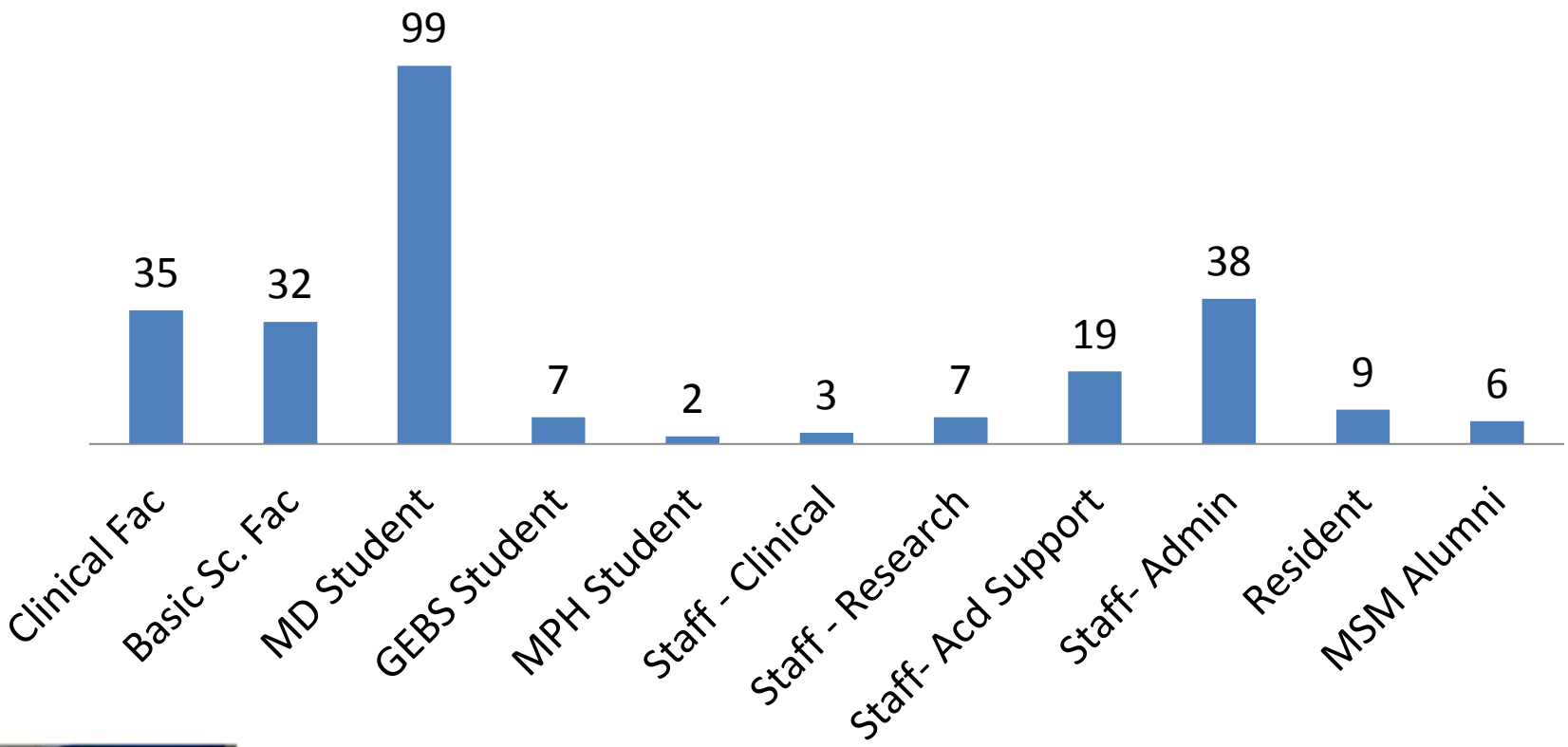
The Class Expansion Task Force conducted a survey to the MSM campus regarding Class Expansion. The graph below indicates the category and number of responders recorded.



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Top Areas of Concern from the Survey

- ✓ Study space for students
- ✓ Information Technology services
- ✓ Financial support and services
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Adequate number of clinical faculty for 100 medical students
- ✓ The capacity of MSM residency programs to support class expansion
- ✓ The ability of faculty to effectively mentor students with class expansion
- ✓ The ability of faculty to effectively advise students
- ✓ The ability of faculty to effectively teach with class size expansion
- ✓ The capacity of clinical sites to accommodate class expansion

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Areas of Lesser Concern from the Survey

- ✓ MSM ability to recruit an adequate number of qualified applicants to support class expansion
- ✓ MSM ability to attract an adequate number of qualified Georgia applicants
- ✓ An adequate number of qualified basic science faculty to 100 students
- ✓ Adequate number and variety of patients to support class expansion
- ✓ Student health services
- ✓ Student mental health and counseling services
- ✓ Campus Security
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ Library Services

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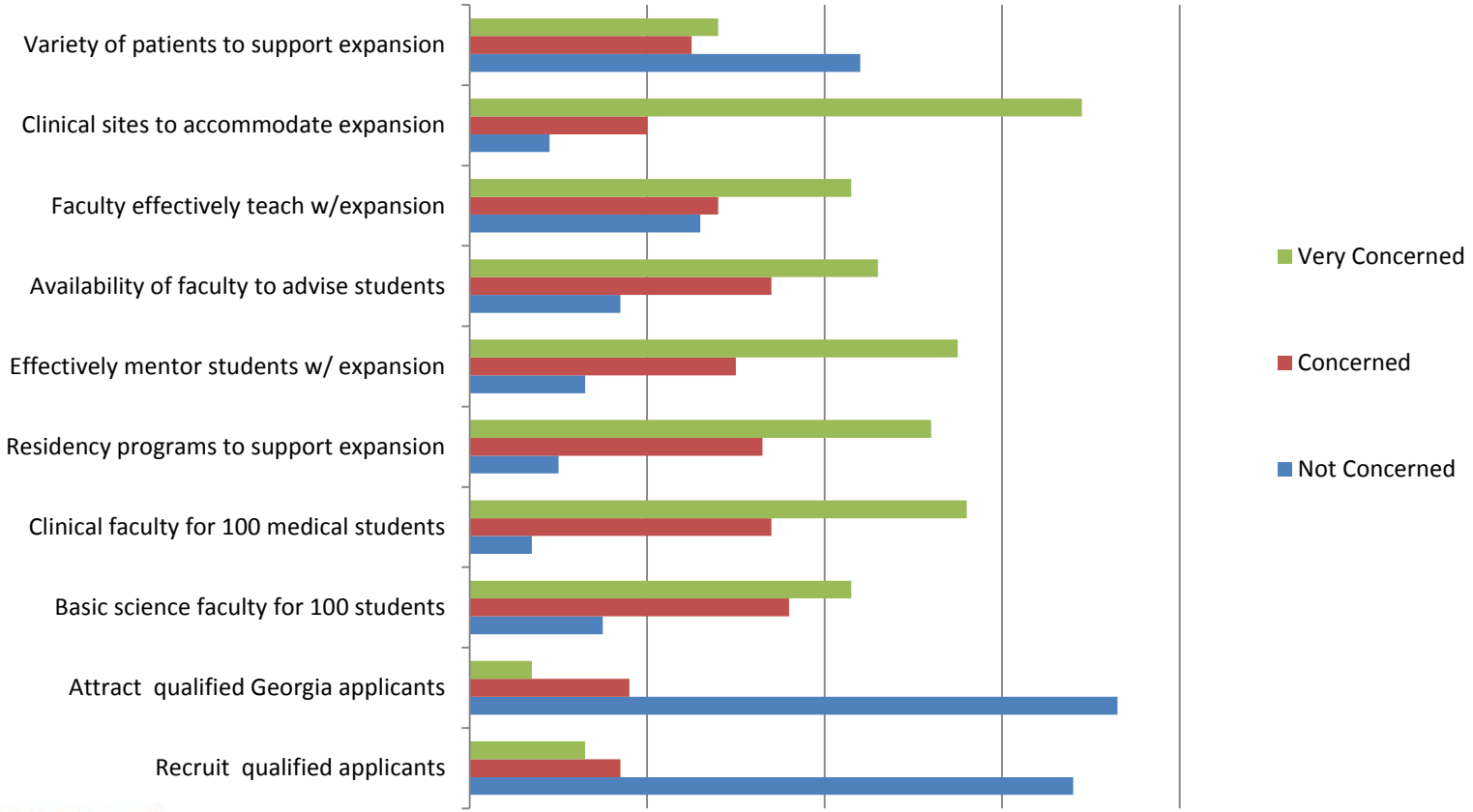
The graph below captures the responses of the level of concerns about each topic.



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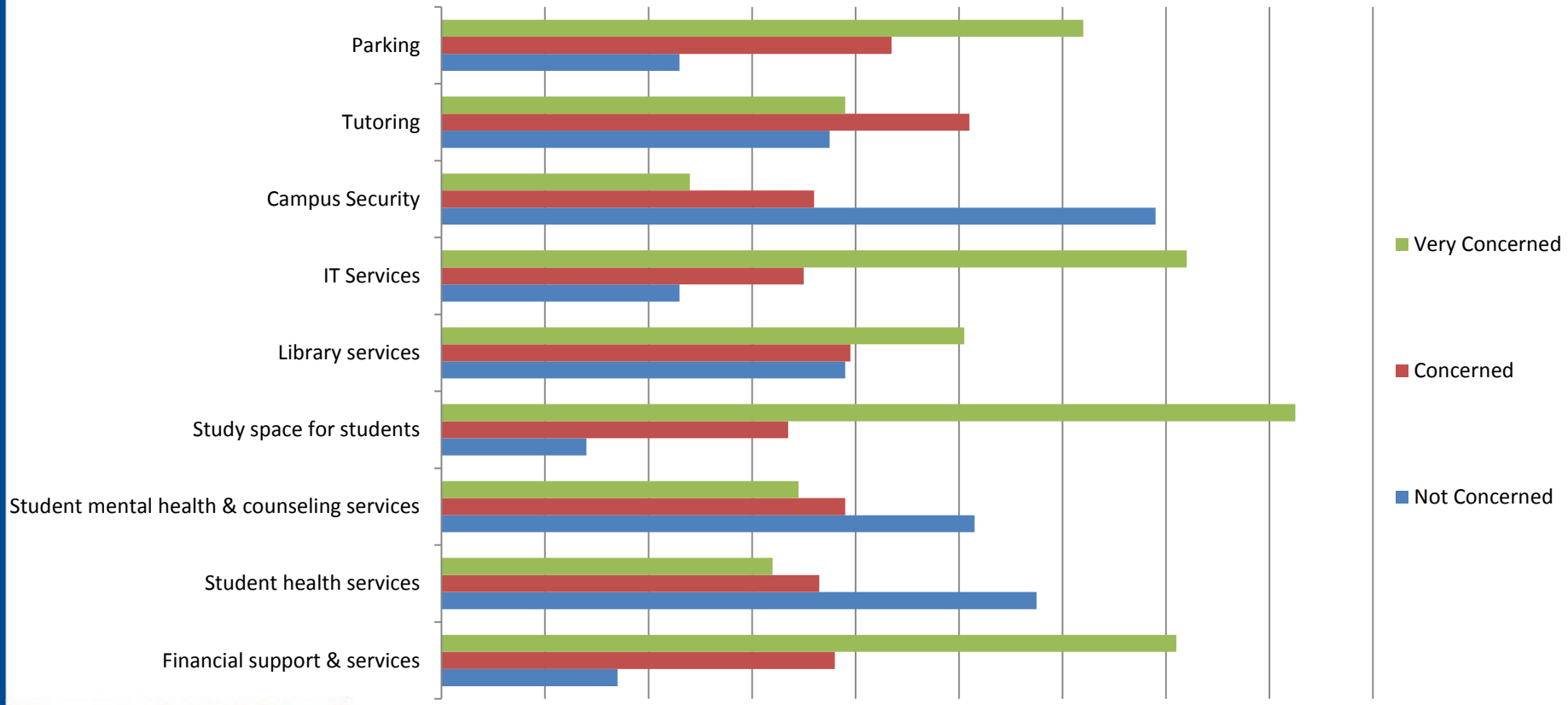
The level of concerns about each topic , continued…



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Survey Feedback about: What is important to preserve at MSM?

- ✓ Preserve the family atmosphere of trust, support, compassion, camaraderie
- ✓ Maintain the close knit family
- ✓ Small class size is why I came to MSM
- ✓ Make sure there is adequate tutoring
- ✓ Make sure the sib program is maintained
- ✓ Make sure there are adequate student support services.

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Other Concerns from the Survey

- ✓ Students expressed not wanting to lose the experience of faulty knowing them by name
- ✓ Responses indicate there is a need for better communication around steps involved with class expansion
- ✓ Faculty and students want to be informed and stay informed
- ✓ Succession planning was noted to be important

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