

# Digital Differentiation

Building, Protecting and Advancing your University's Brand on Social

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# A little about myself



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# Hootsuite is the leading social media management solution



16 million users  
worldwide



Best-in-Breed  
Partnerships



1000+ employees in 15  
global offices



28 million messages  
sent weekly



97% Enterprise CSAT



\$1 million in daily ad  
spend



150+ Apps +  
Integrations



3,500+ Enterprise  
Customers; 800 of  
the Fortune 1000



# Agenda:

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World 100 Social Maturity Assessment

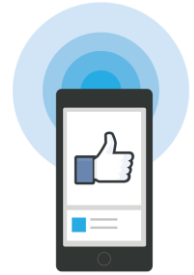
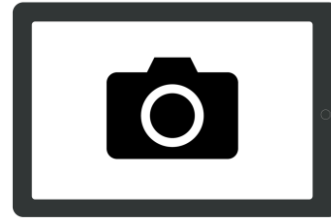
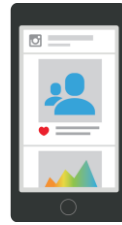
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Advancing your University's Social Maturity



# Digital Differentiation

# The student journey has changed



**Awareness**

**Enrollment**

**Engagement**

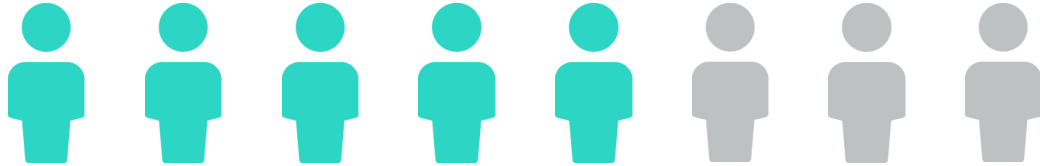
**Academics**

**Alumni**

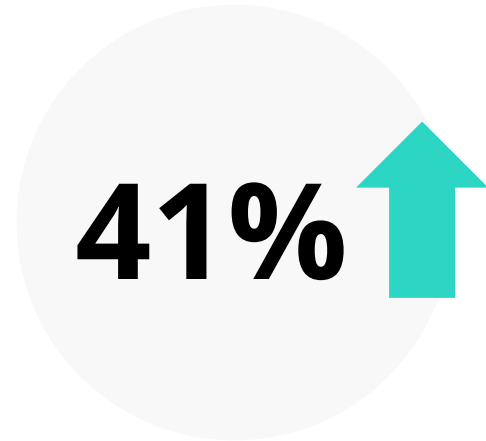


# Social media has become a strategic area of focus for Universities

**Over half of University executive teams see social media** as a strategic area of focus, with **41 percent increasing spend** in social media technology.



*Executives that see social media as a strategic area of focus*



*Increase in social media technology spend*

# Digital Differentiation is driving results

**40%**

Students have indicated that conversations they have on social media influence their decisions of where to enroll

**26%**

Institutions have seen an increased number of student applications as a direct result of social efforts

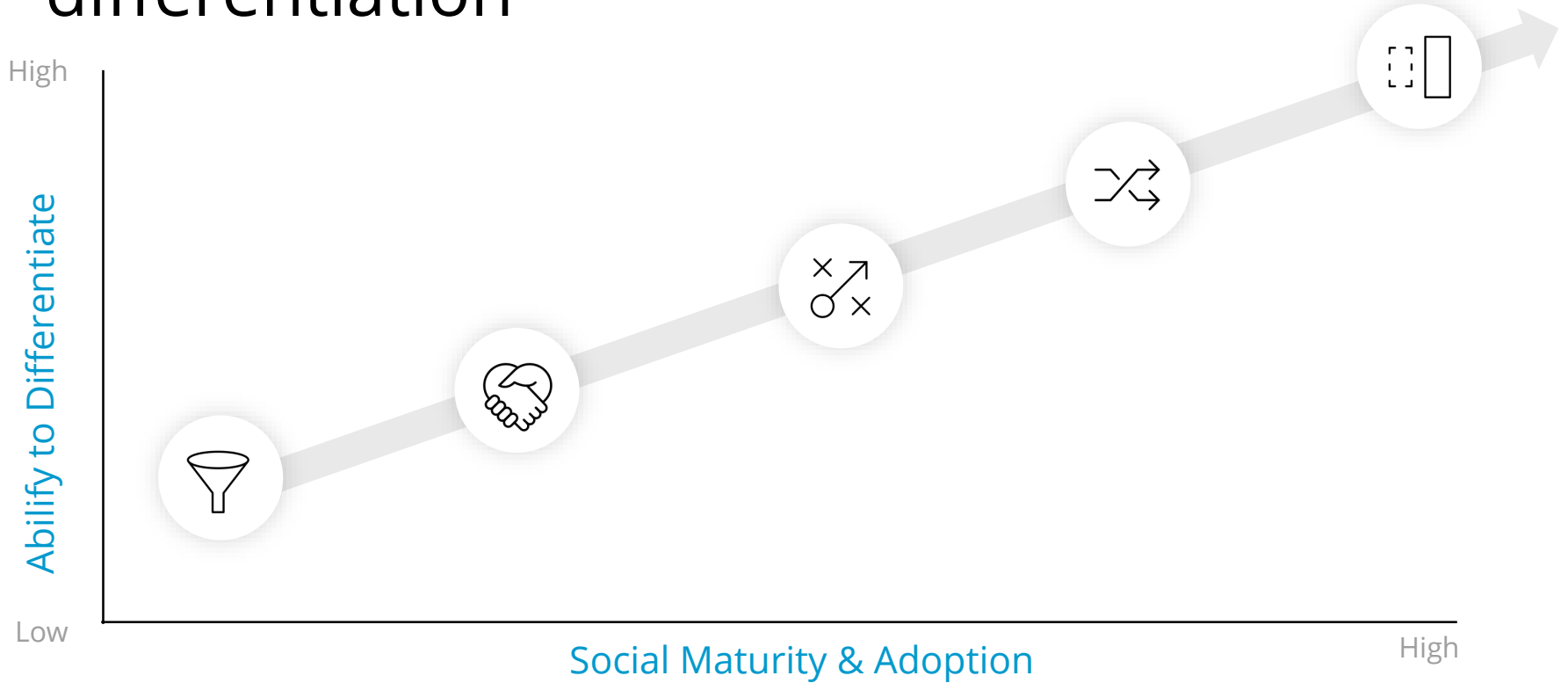
**11%**

Institutions have seen increased quality of student applications

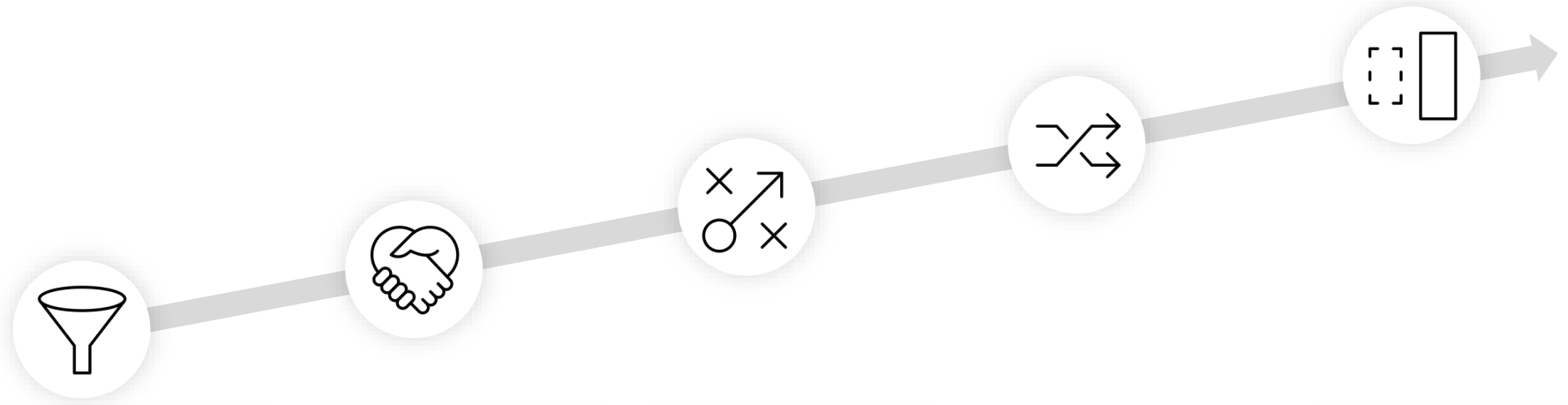




# Increasing social maturity is key to digital differentiation



# Five Stages of Social Maturity



## Siloed

Social is often limited to marketing use cases and the champion for digital is a Marketing Manager

## Collaborative

Multiple teams / departments enabled by a single social media management platform with a champion at the director level

## Strategic

Moved beyond social media metrics to understand how digital is driving digital differentiation

## Integrated

Leveraging a combination of social media data and other tools to provide an enhanced experience across the student journey

## Transformative

Student-facing and internal initiatives are planned, executed and measured with a “digital-first” mindset

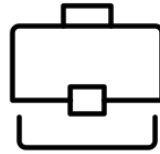
Hootsuite's Social Maturity Assessment helps our customers evaluate their social media capabilities and performance against industry benchmarks.



More than 500  
Participating  
Organizations



Representation from  
Across  
the Globe



Both Marketing  
Practitioners and  
Leadership



# Four Dimensions of Social Maturity

How we determine your overall social maturity score

**Strategy**      *How prepared is your organization to unlock the social advantage?*

**Execution**      *How are you currently leveraging social media towards your desired objectives?*

**Technology**      *Do you currently have the technology infrastructure in place to get the most from your social media initiatives?*

**Impact**      *How are you measuring the impact of your social media initiatives?*

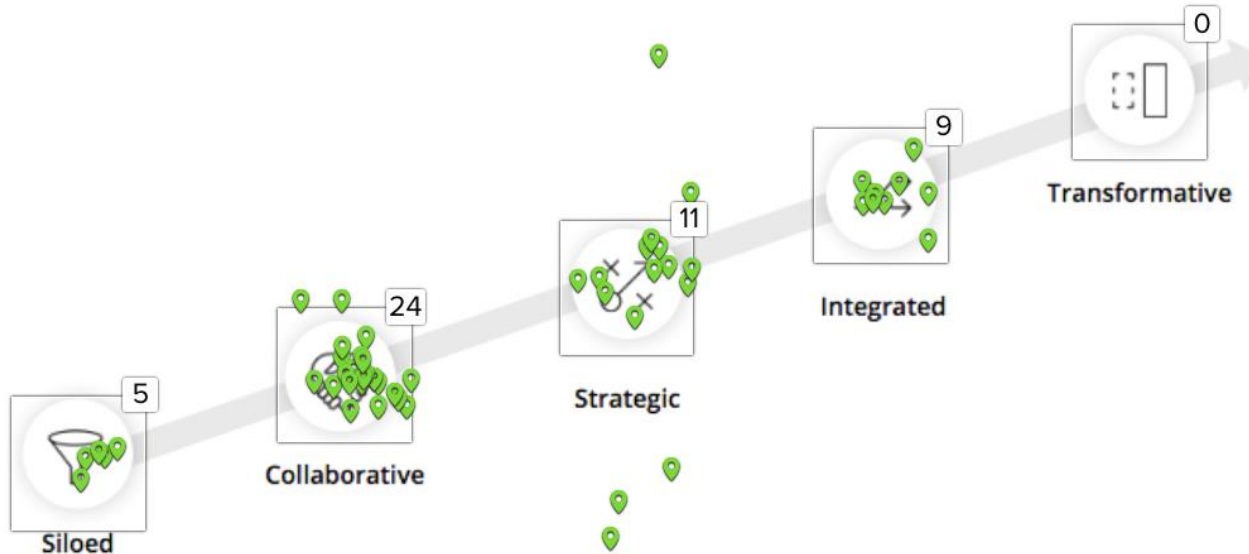


# World 100 Results



## Where on the Social Maturity curve do you think your University is?

Respond at [PollEv.com/hootsuite](https://PollEv.com/hootsuite)



# The following Universities have completed Social Maturity Assessments

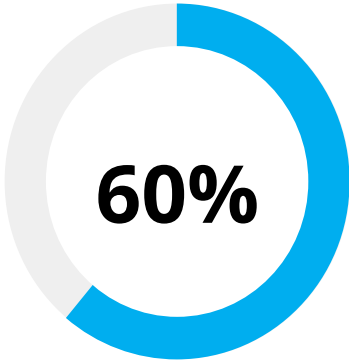
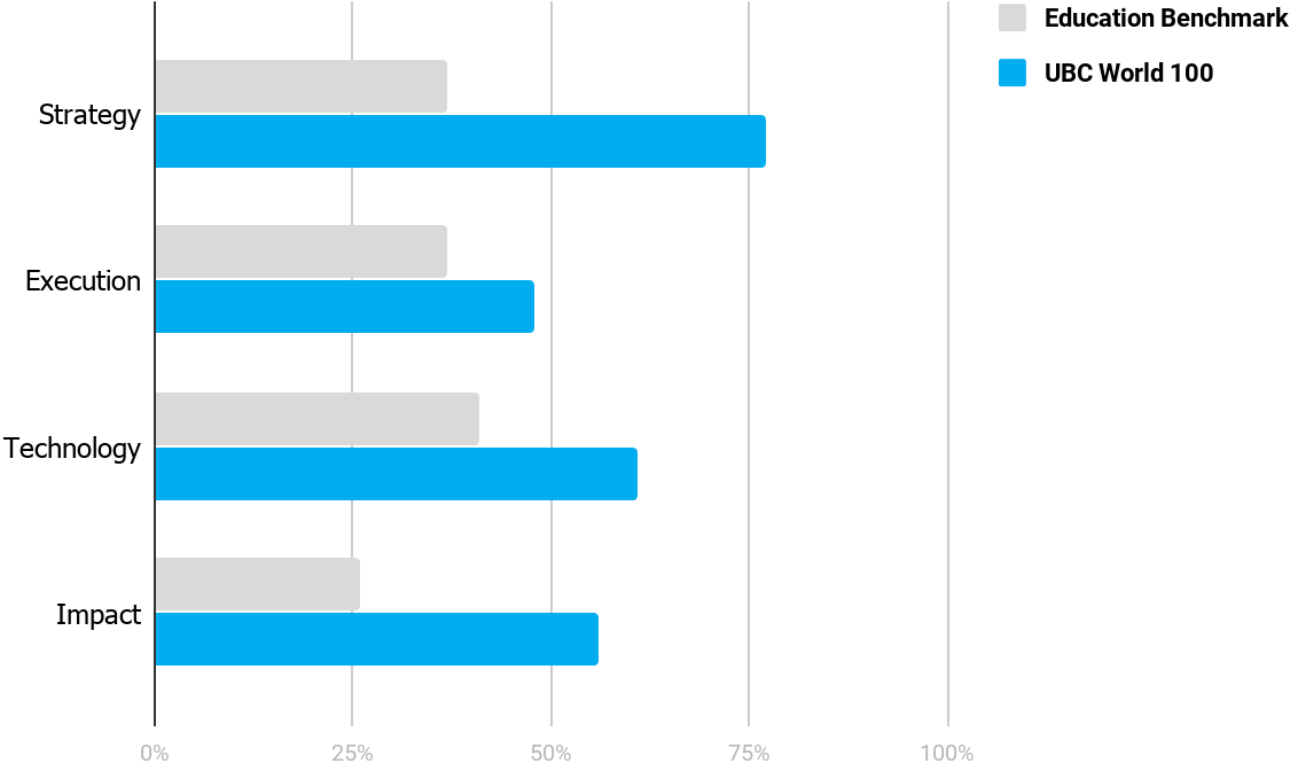


# UBC World 100 Organisations are at the **Strategic** stage of Social Maturity





# UBC World 100 SMA Results:



Total Score

# Key Themes

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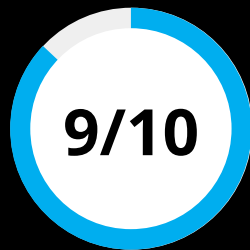
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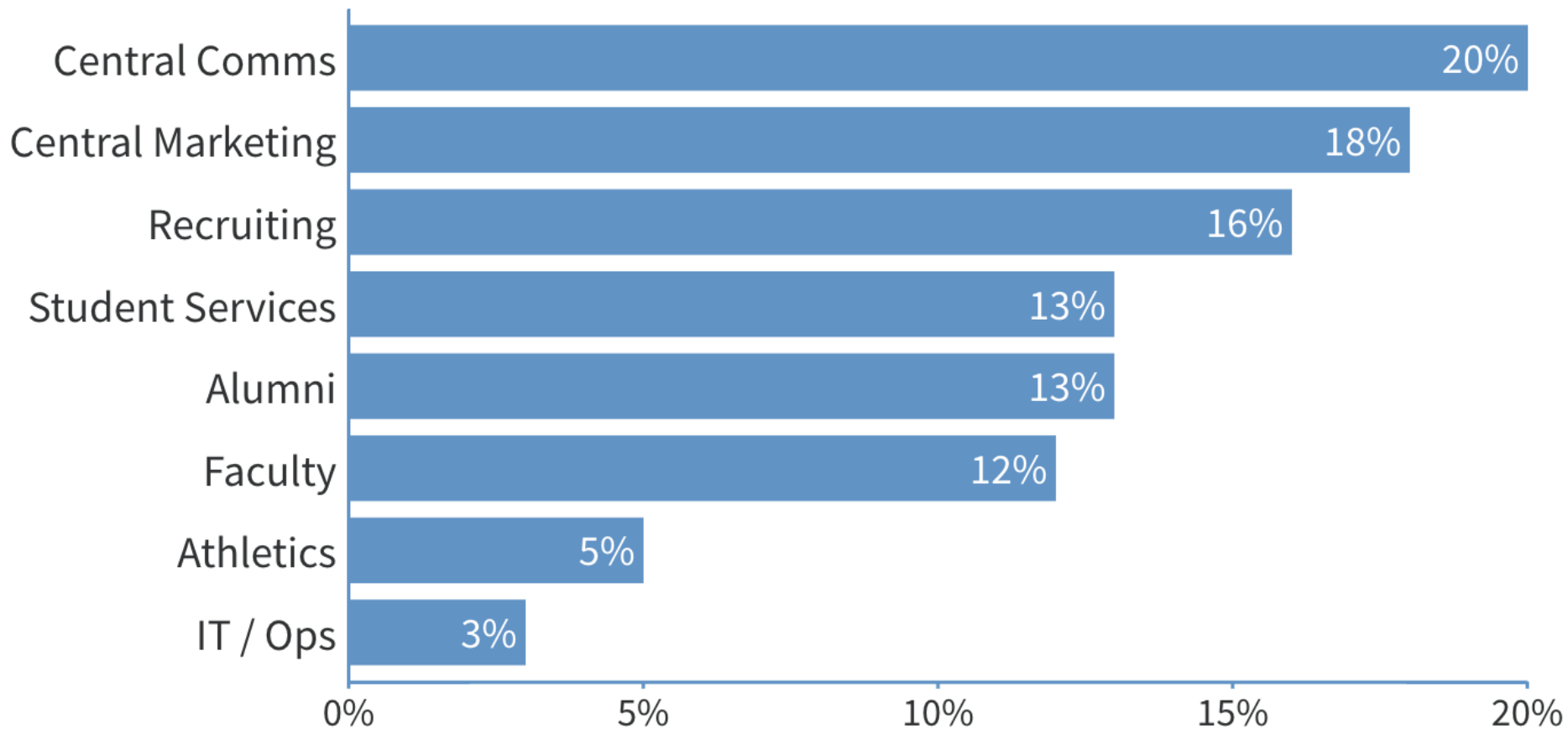
# Student Engagement



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# Which departments on your campus currently use social media today?

**i** Poll is full and no longer accepting responses



# Purdue University raised \$28.2M in a single day with the help of social



## Challenge

Finding fresh new ways to interact with the audience and surpass their fundraising goal

## Solution

Social listening to inform campaign strategy, raise awareness for the event, better interact with supporters, and boost audience engagement.

- Refreshed their strategy to engage their audience and raise awareness (ie. Snapchat scavenger hunt)
- Set up Hootsuite Insight streams for #IGave and #PurdueDayofGiving to monitor conversations and target people based on their social media activity, responded to each donor with personalized thank-you video
- Scheduled social media posts in advance to focus on the live event and track audience engagement in real time



## Results

**87%**

Increase in international donations from 2016

**\$28.2M**

raised through "Purdue Day of Giving" in 24 hours

**“Hootsuite Insights helped us tap into the valuable conversations that were happening in real-time on Purdue Day of Giving. It helped us engage the right people based on their social media activity and personalize our responses to all of our donors.”**

- Kate Jolly, Purdue Day of Giving Project Manager, Director of Digital Fundraising,  
University Development Office, Purdue



# Brand Protection

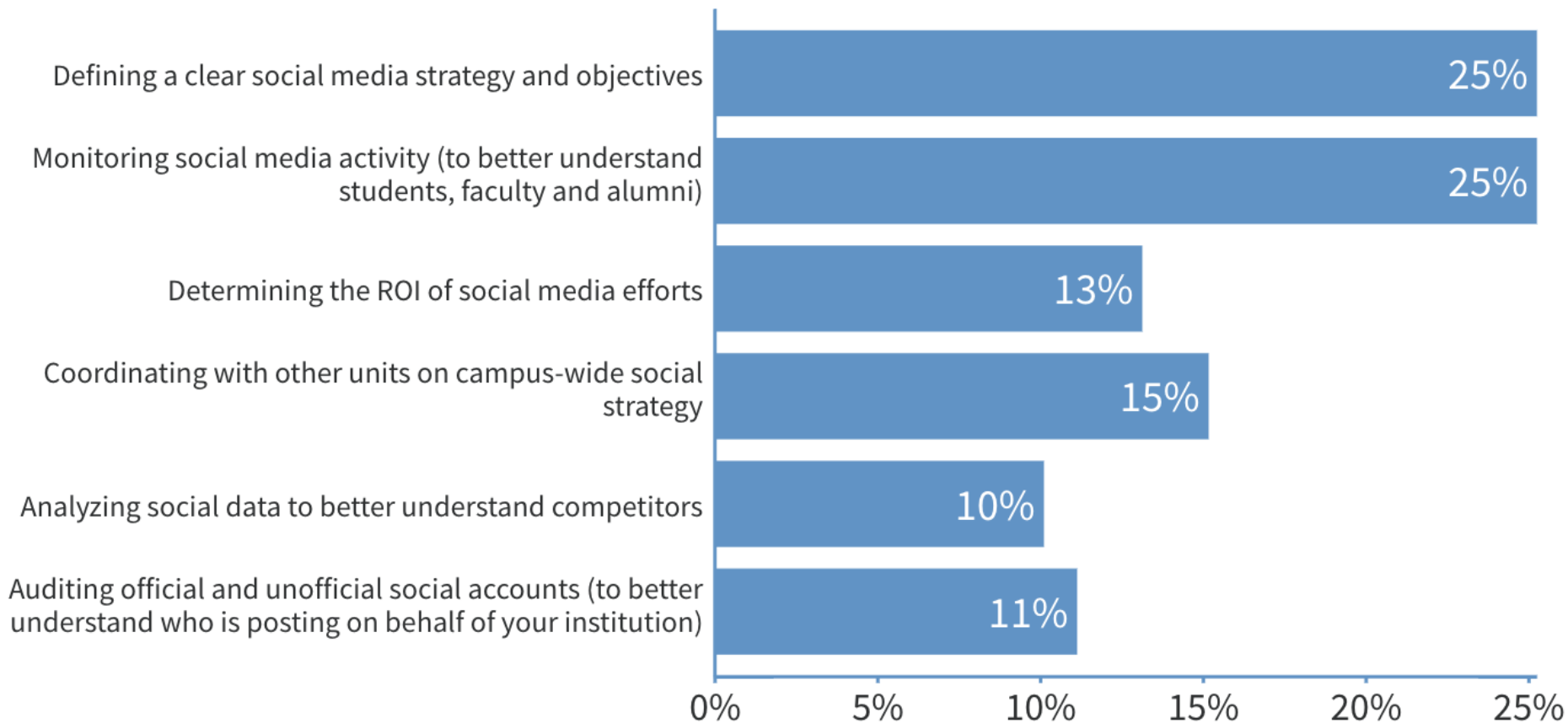


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# What is the role of your central team when it comes to social?



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# How Cambridge manages over 260 social profiles to attract top talent and build a global audience



UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE

## Challenge

In order to remain one of the top education institutions in the world, the University of Cambridge must attract the best students and top talent in today's digitally competitive market

## Solution

- Social data from Hootsuite provides superior insight into how the university's social media efforts are being interpreted by the public in real time. This helps shape how the organisation engages with their target audience and gives them a chance to play with new content and ideas.
- Together these insights and Hootsuite's listening and monitoring capabilities prepare the team for crisis management and quick responses, should something arise.



## Results

**400%**

Increase in Facebook fan followers

**260 Social Accounts**

Successfully monitored from one dashboard

**“Metrics from Hootsuite have provided us with tangible and quantifiable insights to measure content that is shared with leadership teams. These metrics illustrate the success of content and how we can reach new and existing audiences better.”**

Barney Brown, Head of Digital Communications, University of Cambridge



# Social Executive

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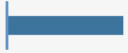
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# What challenges do you face in convincing your leadership and faculty to get active on social?

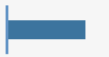
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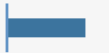
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5 |  They don't do social. That's my job.

4 |  They're too busy

4 |  Fear

4 |  Fear of negative comments and aatacks

4 |  They think it is scary and they are not usel to it

3 |  Getting them to commit time

3 |  Not social media savvy

2 |  Lack of familiarity with the tools

# How Georgia State University Discovered the Value of Social Influence



## Company Challenge

Georgia State University wanted to find creative ways to engage prospective students, promote school spirit among current students, and get more alumni involved.

## Solution

GSU created a campaign that leveraged engagement through #GSUnited and turned it into social influence

- Campus Advocacy: Empowered faculty, departments and student influencers with a social media advocacy platform
- Generating UGC: Through the hashtag #GSUnited, students, alumni, and influencers were enabled to share their university experiences



## Results

**216% Increase** in  
campaign engagement

Recognized as the #2  
**Most Innovative**  
**university** in the US

**“We have many different communications outlets both online and in-print, but social media is the best way for us to tell our day-to-day story and show the university’s personality,”**

Terry Coniglio, Assistant Director of Social Media, Georgia State University



# Additional Resources

- **How to Strengthen Your Academic Brand and Boost Enrollment with Social**  
<http://ow.ly/awBT30fBOPa>
- **Elevating the Student Experience with Social Media**  
<http://ow.ly/ZTMZ30fBOUE>
- **Ask Me Anything: The Social Campus Edition**  
<http://ow.ly/UNDw30fBP81>
- **Securing Your Social Campus: How to Prevent a Social Media Crisis**  
<http://ow.ly/RM8430fBPhW>
- **Social Fundraising: How Purdue and Columbia are Raising the Bar**  
<http://ow.ly/bLTy30fBPoG>
- **The Social Campus Report 2017**  
<http://ow.ly/KWBv30fBPuK>



# Questions?



# Thank You

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