

Materials linked from the December 14, 2023 Faculty Senate agenda.

SENATOR SURVEY RESULTS

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

December 2023 Faculty Senate Meeting



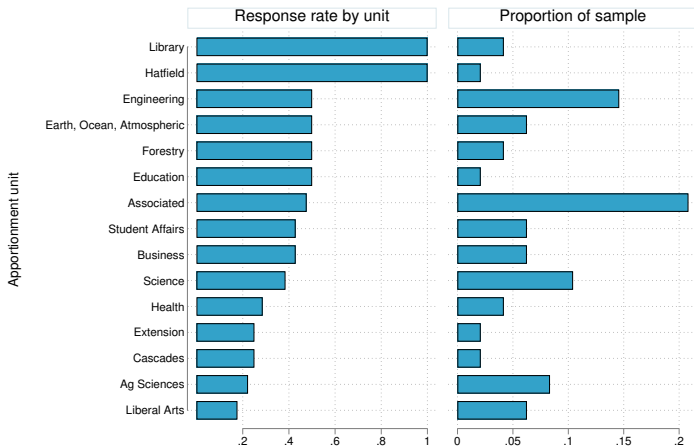
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The Executive Committee was interested in the following questions related to senator engagement:

- ▶ How are senators communicating with each other within their apportionment units?
- ▶ How are senators communicating with their constituents?
- ▶ How do senators feel about how the Faculty Senate Office is communicated with them?
- ▶ How do senators feel about our election process?

The sample

Survey sent out end of October; 48/132 senators responded



Part 1: senators within the same apportionment unit are not communicating so much

	Proportion yes
Know lead senator	0.08
Meet with others in unit	0.02
Aware of senator list serve	0.67
Communication could be improved	0.85
How communicate with senators in unit?	
Email	0.27
Hallway meetings	0.31
Group chat	0.02
Other	0.27
Don't communicate	0.31

Suggestions from survey:

- ▶ Monthly coffee hour
- ▶ Meeting facilitated by College leadership
- ▶ Lead senator should initiate
- ▶ Clearer articulation of senator responsibilities
- ▶ Document to summarize meetings
- ▶ Group chat in Teams

Part 2: senators could have more communication with constituents

	Proportion yes
Aware of constituent list serve	0.38
How communicate with constituents in unit?	
Email	0.48
Hallway meetings	0.24
Group chat	0.13
Other	0.28
Don't communicate	0.30

Suggestions from survey:

- ▶ FS office should send out meeting minutes
- ▶ Suggestions from FS/examples from other units
- ▶ Clear guidance on what to communicate
- ▶ Reminder about list serve/also: please no more list servs
- ▶ Someone should make a summary to share

Part 3: Executive Committee/FS office could improve communication

Proportion yes

Would like agenda available sooner	0.48
Agenda arrives at the right time	0.46
If it arrives the day of meeting, just fine	0.07
Strategy is useful or immensely useful	
Faculty Senate Newsletter	0.40
Faculty Senate Website	0.17
Faculty Senate Meeting Agendas	0.84

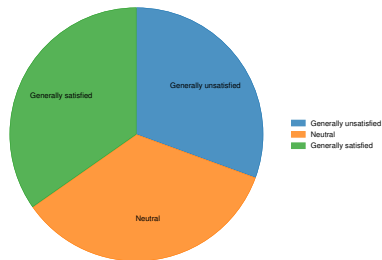
Suggestions from survey:

- ▶ Send out minutes on FS list serv
- ▶ Agenda available sooner^a
- ▶ More meaningful onboarding would help
- ▶ Need an information guide about what is where (Canvas, website, etc...)
- ▶ Emails coming close together is confusing

^aOne person stated the agenda should be available 1 wk ahead. Policy is that EC agrees on agenda 1 week ahead, and communication of agenda no less than 3 days before.

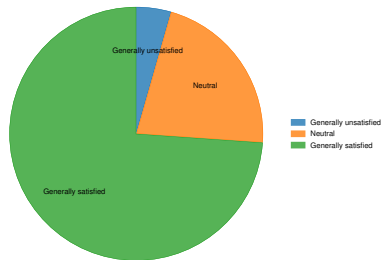
Part 4: Election feelings

How do you feel about the “opt-out” procedure?



*Most felt the number of senators was about right

How do you feel about the expressed interest procedure?



*Most felt the number of senators from their unit about right/ maybe too many

Things we are currently discussing on the EC

- ▶ Ensure that lead Senators are identified in each apportionment unit
- ▶ Develop clear position descriptions for lead senators, senators, other key FS positions
- ▶ Develop annual report with major items for coming year
- ▶ Homework for you: Canvas Assignment – what should priorities be for coming year?
- ▶ Improve FS office communication
 - Revise websites and Canvas
 - Warehouse orientation (onboarding) documents, including communication modalities
 - Consider timing and posting of agendas and minutes
- ▶ Elections
 - Keep asterisk option
 - Continued discussions about opt-in v opt-out