

COVID-19 Faculty Senate Survey Executive Summary

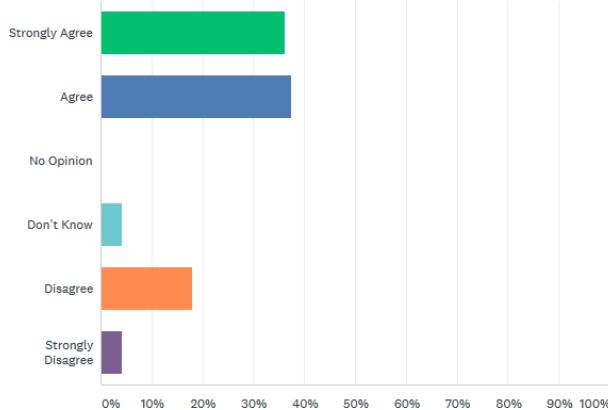
The Faculty Senate University Affairs Committee was tasked with assessing the Southeastern's COVID response. A survey was prepared and distributed to all faculty including adjunct faculty members. They were given one week to respond. Of the approximate 150 faculty members, we received 72 responses representing 48% of faculty. In general, the responses were favorable toward the university's measured response to the COVID-19 crisis. The results are summarized below.

Respondents position distribution:

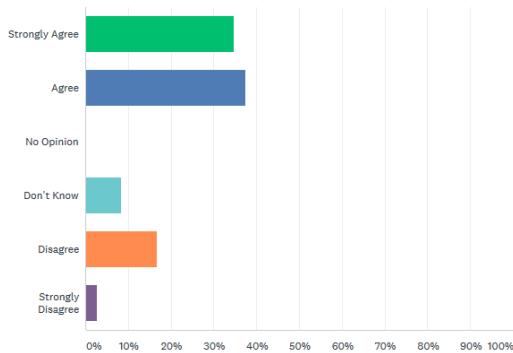
Department Chair	9.72%	7
Professor	23.61%	17
Associate Professor	15.28%	11
Assistant Professor	19.44%	14
Instructor	9.72%	7
Adjunct	16.67%	12
Other (please specify)	Responses	5.56%
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Of the respondents, 48.61% were tenured.

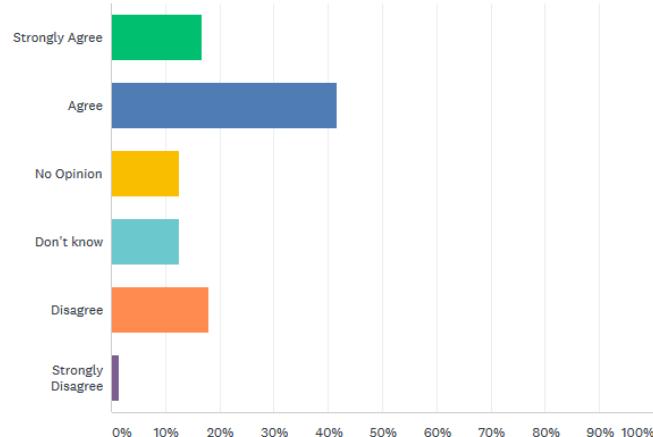
In the question of whether the University responded "well" to the crisis, the results are shown as follows:



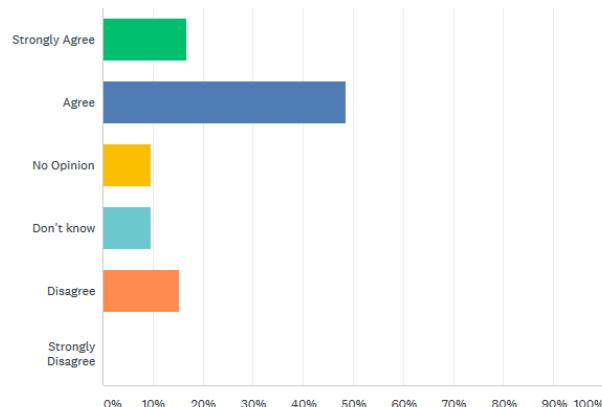
On the question of whether the current Southeastern procedures and protocols should be continued into the spring semester, the responses are shown as follows:



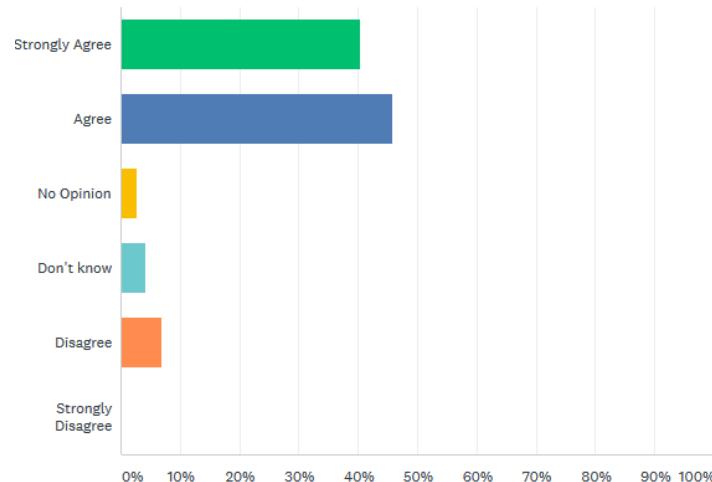
On the question of whether the respondents felt that the University had assigned adequate manpower resources to deal with the crisis, the responses are shown as follows:



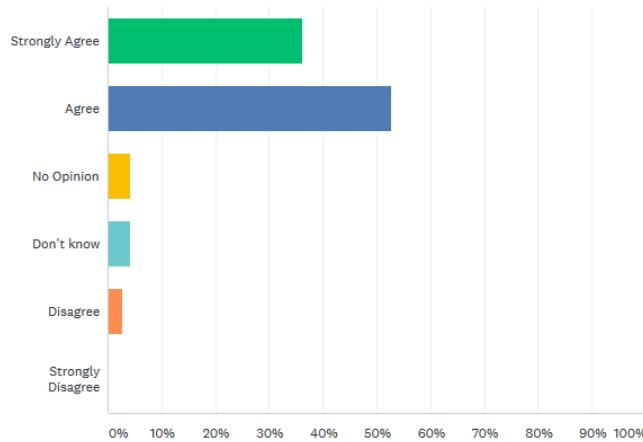
On the question as to whether the University provided adequate training to faculty to deal with the crisis in the classroom, the results are as follows:



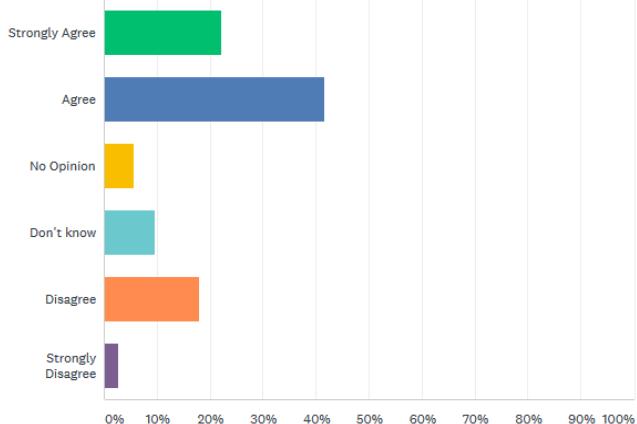
Regarding the question of instructional support such as special guidance to chairs and from CIDT, the faculty responded as follows:



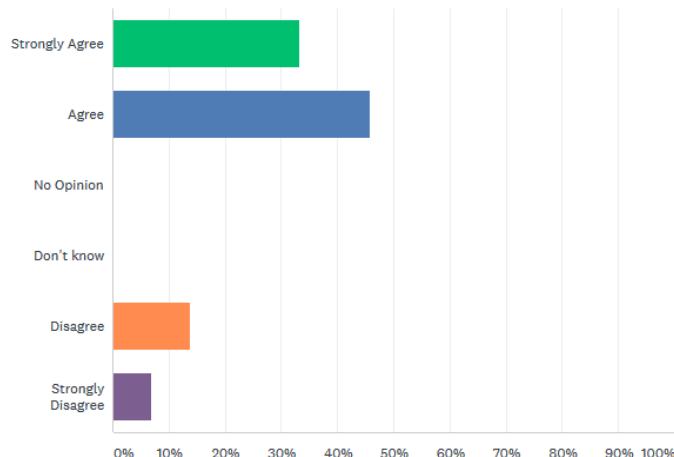
Regarding the amount of technical support (remote logins, helpdesk, Blackboard and Respondus, etc.) provided by the University to assist faculty in dealing with the crisis, the respondents results are as follows:



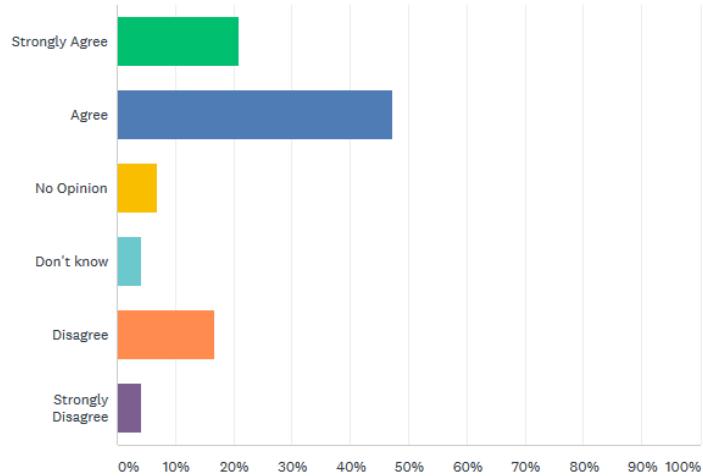
Regarding the amount of technological support (hardware, webcams, headsets, etc.) provided by the University to assist faculty in dealing with the crisis, the respondents results are as follows:



Regarding whether the University provided timely and pertinent information to faculty regarding policy and classroom procedures, the respondents replied as follows:



Regarding the question of whether faculty believed that they were able to meet or exceed their course objectives considering quarantines, Zoom instruction, and the 72-hour policy requirement, respondents replied as follows:



In general, we were pleased that the faculty responded quickly to the survey. There were many comments sent with the survey results and these ranged from words of thanks to pointed criticism. Not much surprise there, considering the impact that the COVID pandemic has had on all of us. In terms of takeaways, the survey yielded some important thoughts for the administration to consider.

These included:

- Faculty felt that the University could have done a better job in providing technology in the classroom, but in general were satisfied with technical and technological support.
- Faculty felt that the University could have done more to provide laptops or webcams to faculty members who were working from home.
- Faculty felt that the University did all they could to provide a safe and reasonable teaching experience, considering the severity and handicaps the pandemic placed on its personnel and resources.
- Faculty wants to be heard regarding campus policies that affect the classroom.
- Faculty, in general terms, did not fault the University for taking more than reasonable risks considering what comparable institutions were doing under the same circumstances.
- Faculty generally supported the actions of the University regarding procedures instituted even though some of them feared for their own or their student's safety.

The actual survey results can be found at the following web link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-YCH985Z67/> Additional Information and textual references to specific comments may be provided upon request.