

Biennial Survey Regarding Intellectual Diversity

TCAT Memphis

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Tennessee law requires all public higher education institutions to "conduct a biennial survey of the institution's students and employees to assess the campus climate with regard to diversity of thought and the respondents' comfort level in speaking freely on campus, regardless of political affiliation or ideology" (TCA 49-7-1905).

In accordance with Tennessee law, the Tennessee Board of Regents invited faculty, staff, and students at community colleges and the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology to participate in a survey about experiences at their colleges.

All faculty, staff, and students were sent this survey, which asked about the diversity of thought and viewpoints on their college campus. The survey was available from Friday, January 20, 2023, through Wednesday, February 1, 2023. Participation in this survey was completely voluntary.

Results of the Biennial Survey Regarding Intellectual Diversity are presented below.

| Survey Respondents | Number | Percent of Responses |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Students | 152 | 75% |
| Instructors/Faculty Members | 32 | 16% |
| Administrators/Staff Employees | 18 | 9% |
| All Responses | 202 | |

| I believe there is diversity of thought/viewpoint on my campus. | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Students | 59% | 13% | 24% | 3% | 1% | 100% |
| Instructors/Faculty Members | 56% | 19% | 13% | 6% | 6% | 100% |
| Administrators/Staff Employees | 50% | 39% | 6% | 6% | 0% | 100% |
| All Responses | 57% | 16% | 21% | 4% | 2% | 100% |

| I feel comfortable expressing or endorsing a specific viewpoint without pressure from students. | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Students | 59% | 18% | 16% | 3% | 3% | 100% |
| Instructors/Faculty Members | 56% | 16% | 19% | 3% | 6% | 100% |
| Administrators/Staff Employees | 61% | 22% | 17% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| All Responses | 59% | 18% | 17% | 2% | 3% | 100% |

| I feel comfortable expressing or endorsing a specific viewpoint without pressure from faculty/instructors. | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Students | 55% | 20% | 19% | 3% | 3% | 100% |
| Instructors/Faculty Members | 53% | 16% | 9% | 9% | 13% | 100% |
| Administrators/Staff Employees | 56% | 28% | 11% | 6% | 0% | 100% |
| All Responses | 55% | 20% | 17% | 4% | 4% | 100% |

| The institution is committed to giving students broad latitude to speak, write, and discuss freely. | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Students | 58% | 16% | 16% | 5% | 5% | 100% |
| Instructors/Faculty Members | 56% | 16% | 13% | 6% | 9% | 100% |
| Administrators/Staff Employees | 61% | 22% | 11% | 6% | 0% | 100% |
| All Responses | 58% | 17% | 15% | 5% | 5% | 100% |

