

Poll of faculty viewpoints concerning fall reopening. Poll distributed in July 2020; results reported August 25, 2020

Survey was open from July 31 to Aug 24 Link to the survey was emailed to all OU faculty through OIT and posted in the OU AAUP August newsletter.

PARTICIPATION FROM OU FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS

Total	100%	471
Tenure track faculty	56.05%	264
Instructional faculty	38.22%	180
Staff with teaching responsibilities	1.06%	5
Graduate student	0.21%	1
Prefer not to answer	4.46%	21

* Survey did not include Clinical Faculty as a category of instructor. This oversight will be corrected in all future OUAAP polls

RESPONSES TO STATEMENT ON FALL REOPENING. LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WAS ASSESSED ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

I know whom to contact if I have questions or concerns about my safety concerning the changing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

64% Somewhat or Strongly Agreed

I have been able to express my teaching modality preferences and concerns to decision makers without fearing negative consequences.

70% Somewhat or Strongly Agreed

I feel confident, as of now, that I can perform my teaching duties and remain safe.

63% Somewhat or Strongly Agreed

I am satisfied with the extent to which faculty have exercised power as decision makers in creating and implementing the plan for fall opening.

25% Somewhat or Strongly Agreed

Faculty have had sufficient consultation in decision making and about how to implement the administration's plans for fall opening, as stated: <https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/2020-07/Scenario-Planning-Report-formatted-04.pdf>

26% Somewhat or Strongly Agreed

I have childcare that will enable me to teach in face-to-face instruction if public schools or childcare providers are closed this fall. Out of 427 respondents, 91 faculty strongly disagreed.

With the fall semester beginning this week, faculty have revised or completely reconfigured their courses, substantially adjusted their performance of their jobs, and profoundly reorganized their daily lives to continue providing quality education to their students. Is the fall plan working?

From the poll results, it was not clear that all faculty necessarily felt confident about their safety with the fall reopening plan or about whether they could manage the teaching aspects of their jobs. Now that this semester has begun, we will see if the fall reopening plan is working for campus and community safety. We will also see if it is sustainable for student learning and faculty workload, technical capacities, and work life balance.

The poll results do make clear that the majority of faculty respondents did not feel included in, or empowered by, the process to determine the Fall reopening plan.