

Faculty Perspectives and Experiences Survey

In Fall 2020, CSUSM administered the Faculty Perspectives and Experiences Survey as part of a collaboration between Faculty Advocacy, Care, Engagement, and Support (FACES), the Faculty Center, and the Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis.



A look at the virtual environment during a national pandemic...



88% of faculty are teaching online or hybrid courses



59% of faculty report a somewhat or very positive online teaching experience

86%

are satisfied with the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic agree that University
administration has done
a good job of keeping
faculty informed

agree that CSUSM is adapting well to the virtual environment



Faculty report benefits transitioning to virtual teaching....

"I enjoy being able to exercise and make dinner more regularly."

"Better access for students with disabilities and for me. No driving at night because of vision issues, but I can teach at night from home! This gives my chair more times to place me for teaching and allows me to teach graduate classes." 87% have had their commutes reduced or eliminated

63% are learning new skills

48% saving money on costs associated with in-person work

46% schedule is more flexible, so they can manage their time better



...and share challenges.

"The wide usage of zoom has resulted in more requests than ever to participate in virtual meetings/webinars/panels/talks of every kind. I see this as having both positive and negative impacts."



"It's challenging to support students' mental health when we are also living through a pandemic and experiencing mental health impacts too."

Challenges related to the virtual enviroment

69% are experiencing screen fatigue

52% don't feel connected to their students

41% are responsible for child or family care during work hours

82% of faculty have had their research, scholarship, or creative activity impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or the canpus' transition to virtual operations

Faculty reflect on their experiences and ways to improve.

67%

are satisfied with the support they receive from CSUSM 61%

feel that their work at CSUSM is valued 42%

feel included in the decisions that impact their work feel able to balance both personal and work demands right

now

34%

Highlighted Survey Findings

- Many faculty shared examples of feeling supported in their interactions with leadership, whether it be the leadership in their college, department, or senior administration.
- 37% of participants felt that incivility is a moderate or serious problem in the workplace. Throughout the survey, respondents shared concerns and highlighted opportunities to enhance equity and improve overall climate among faculty.
- Verbatim comments suggested that the virtual transition has created additional challenges for faculty to be successful, and suggested ways the University can support faculty in the areas of: decreasing workload, technology training, and an increased emphasis on self-care.

Agree/Strongly Agree