

Biennial Survey Regarding Intellectual Diversity

Volunteer State Community College

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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	568	67%
Instructors/Faculty Members	146	17%
Administrators/Staff Employees	135	16%
All Responses	849	

I believe there is diversity of thought/viewpoint on my campus.	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
Students	44%	29%	23%	2%	1%	100%
Instructors/Faculty Members	44%	28%	14%	8%	5%	100%
Administrators/Staff Employees	37%	27%	22%	13%	1%	100%
All Responses	43%	29%	21%	5%	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	40%	29%	22%	7%	3%	100%
Instructors/Faculty Members	26%	40%	18%	9%	6%	100%
Administrators/Staff Employees	29%	24%	38%	6%	3%	100%
All Responses	36%	30%	24%	7%	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	48%	23%	19%	7%	3%	100%
Instructors/Faculty Members	32%	31%	15%	12%	10%	100%
Administrators/Staff Employees	22%	25%	27%	16%	10%	100%
All Responses	41%	25%	19%	9%	5%	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	52%	25%	17%	4%	2%	100%
Instructors/Faculty Members	49%	32%	12%	4%	2%	100%
Administrators/Staff Employees	41%	29%	23%	6%	1%	100%
All Responses	50%	27%	17%	4%	2%	100%

