### **General UF Survey 2013**



# 1. First, we'd like to get your opinion about taking surveys. We know your time is valuable! How often do you think the UF should conduct a general survey.

	Response Percent	Response Count
The UF should survey as often as possible; the more UF leadership hears from members, the better.	16.0%	43
The UF should survey at least once a semster; it's important to check in with members.	45.9%	123
The UF should survey at least once a year; surveys are useful but take too much time to complete.	20.1%	54
The UF should only survey if there's a specific need; general surveys are a waste of time.	17.5%	47
The UF should never survey; there are better ways to communicate with members.	0.4%	1
	answered question	268
	skipped question	2

## 2. Please rank your priorities for ongoing funds.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Rating Average	Rating Count
Across-the-board ongoing salary increases for all faculty.	42.7% (102)	20.1% (48)	11.7% (28)	12.6% (30)	6.3% (15)	4.6% (11)	2.1% (5)	5.58	239
New full-time faculty hires.	19.8% (46)	29.7% (69)	19.4% (45)	8.6% (20)	9.5% (22)	8.6% (20)	4.3% (10)	4.99	232
Raising salaries for part-time lecturers to achieve parity/equity.	24.4% (57)	13.7% (32)	12.4% (29)	12.8% (30)	9.8% (23)	14.5% (34)	12.4% (29)	4.37	234
Increasing release-time or compensation for department chairs, program coordinators and others.	4.0% (9)	10.7% (24)	15.6% (35)	16.9% (38)	21.3% (48)	12.9% (29)	18.7% (42)	3.46	225
Expanding course offerings.	11.3% (26)	12.6% (29)	18.7% (43)	20.4% (47)	18.7% (43)	12.2% (28)	6.1% (14)	4.17	230
Lowering class size.	0.9% (2)	10.0% (23)	14.3% (33)	16.0% (37)	21.6% (50)	23.8% (55)	13.4% (31)	3.27	231
Collapsing steps on the salary schedule (so faculty advance faster).	2.2% (5)	7.0% (16)	8.7% (20)	11.7% (27)	10.9% (25)	20.0% (46)	39.6% (91)	2.60	230
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skipped question								21	

3. In addition to the priorities named above, the UF has been discussing "equity issues" that might affect specific groups of faculty more than others. For each issue listed below, please rank each equity issue (with 5 meaning "extremely important" and 1 meaning "not at all important").

	5 (Extremely important)	4	3	2	1 (Not at All Important)	Rating Average	Rating Count
Compensating speech team coaches and others who are required to spend significant time working with students that is currently unpaid	21.3% (48)	28.9% (65)	23.1% (52)	12.4% (28)	14.2% (32)	3.31	225
Raising pay for "teaching labs" (such as science labs) that involve substantial preparation and grading (in other words, working towards lecture/lab parity	35.4% (81)	30.6% (70)	16.6% (38)	9.6% (22)	7.9% (18)	3.76	229
Standardizing class-sizes for similar assignments across the district	19.5% (43)	22.6% (50)	29.9% (66)	15.8% (35)	12.2% (27)	3.21	221
Changing part-time hourly rates to pay-per-load so that all assignment-types pay according to the same salary scale.	25.2% (56)	25.2% (56)	24.3% (54)	12.2% (27)	13.1% (29)	3.37	222
Changing overload rates to pay- per-load so that all assignment- types pay according to the same salary scale.	14.6% (32)	28.8% (63)	30.1% (66)	12.8% (28)	13.7% (30)	3.18	219
Compensating program leads who run certificated programs.	14.5% (32)	31.7% (70)	29.4% (65)	11.3% (25)	13.1% (29)	3.23	221
	Wha	at other equ	iity issues w	ould you like	to see the UF	address?	52

answered question 234
skipped question 36

4. In our district, domestic partners (including same-sex partners) have the same rights and qualify for the same benefits as married couples, but current federal law requires that the cost of benefits for domestic partners or same-sex spouses be taxed as income, while the cost of benefits for different-sex spouses are not taxed. Some California employers "bulk up" domestic partners' compensation by adding pay to cover the federal tax on benefits and in that way make up for the discrimination in federal law by equalizing employee benefits. Do you agree that CCCCD should add to employee salaries for domestic partners to compensate for federal tax penalties?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	25.7%	64
Agree	22.1%	55
Disagree	17.3%	43
Strongly Disagree	12.9%	32
Not Sure or Need More Information	22.1%	55
	Please add comments to explain your answer.	43
	answered question	249
	skipped question	21

# 5. In the short term, assuming we have limited ongoing resources to spend, how important do you consider equity issues of the sort listed above compared to across-the-board salary increases?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Equity issues are much more important than salary increases.	15.9%	39
Equity issues are a little more important than salary increases.	11.8%	29
Equity issues are just as important as salary increases.	29.0%	71
Equity issues are a little less important than salary increases.	22.4%	55
Equity issues are much less important than salary increases.	20.8%	51
	answered question	245
	skipped question	25

### 6. Please rank your priorities for spending one-time money.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Rating Average	Ra Co
One-time "bonus" paid to all faculty.	40.5% (90)	10.4% (23)	7.2% (16)	8.1% (18)	6.3% (14)	7.2% (16)	8.1% (18)	12.2% (27)	4.86	
Increasing funding for professional development.	8.1% (18)	18.0% (40)	18.9% (42)	17.1% (38)	14.9% (33)	10.8% (24)	10.4% (23)	1.8% (4)	3.70	
Affording more faculty sabbaticals.	4.2% (9)	9.3% (20)	9.8% (21)	12.1% (26)	14.5% (31)	14.5% (31)	15.4% (33)	20.1% (43)	4.82	
Creating a retirement incentive.	8.6% (19)	12.3% (27)	11.8% (26)	9.1% (20)	14.5% (32)	16.8% (37)	17.3% (38)	9.5% (21)	4.59	
Increasing funding for instructional technology.	16.1% (36)	17.4% (39)	18.8% (42)	14.3% (32)	14.3% (32)	10.7% (24)	5.4% (12)	3.1% (7)	3.76	
Increasing department budgets.	16.7% (38)	21.5% (49)	14.5% (33)	15.4% (35)	14.9% (34)	11.0% (25)	3.9% (9)	2.2% (5)	3.69	
Maintaining a healthy District reserve.	7.6% (17)	5.8% (13)	13.5% (30)	13.9% (31)	8.5% (19)	13.5% (30)	16.6% (37)	20.6% (46)	5.00	
Offering more sections (above cap), even if the growth is not sustainable.	7.7% (17)	8.6% (19)	7.7% (17)	10.4% (23)	9.5% (21)	13.1% (29)	18.0% (40)	25.2% (56)	5.32	

answered question

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### 7. What else should be a high spending priority?

Response Count

answered question	39
skipped question	231

8. Recognizing that many of our classes would be harmed by raising class maximums, are there ANY classes you teach where you might support raising the class maximum?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	21.7%	53
No	60.2%	147
Maybe	12.7%	31
Not Sure	5.3%	13
	answered question	244
	skipped question	26

9. If you first had the chance to revise your class maximums fairly, would you consider a system with class MINIMUMS not as a flat 20 students but as a percentage of the class maximum? (For example, would you support a class minimum of 50% of the maximum?)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	17.3%	42
Support	33.3%	81
Oppose	11.5%	28
Strongly Oppose	8.6%	21
Not Sure	29.2%	71
	answered question	243
	skipped question	27

### 10. Recognizing that there are many key details yet to be worked out, do you support the general idea described above of a "class size convention" wherein departments meet with UF and Senate Representatives, along with managers, to review class maximums?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	19.9%	48
Support	46.5%	112
Oppose	7.9%	19
Strongly Oppose	4.1%	10
Not Sure	21.6%	52
	Please add comments to explain your answer.	60

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answered question	241
skipped question	29

#### 11. How satisfied are you with the facilities in which you teach?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied	8.6%	21
Satisfied	48.4%	118
Dissatisfied	32.0%	78
Very Dissatisfied	11.1%	27

What could be done to improve facilities in your area?

244	answered question	
26	skipped question	

#### 12. Have you taught or do you teach any "lab" classes (or classes that load as lab)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
yes	51.2%	125
no	48.8%	119
	answered question	244
	skipped question	26

13. Would you support creating a new category of lab in the contract to distinguish between drop-in labs (such as some Math and English labs) and other labs that require more preparation and grading (such as science labs)? In measuring your support for this question, please assume that the load factor for drop-in labs would remain the same, but prep/grading labs would load at a higher level (and thus pay a bit more).

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	35.1%	85
Support	32.6%	79
Oppose	6.2%	15
Strongly Oppose	2.9%	7
Not Sure	23.1%	56
	answered question	242
	skipped question	28

# 14. Would you support lowering the load factor (and thus paying a bit less) for drop-in labs in order to raise the pay level for labs that involve more preparation and grading?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	21.5%	51
Support	25.3%	60
Oppose	16.0%	38
Strongly Oppose	10.1%	24
Not Sure	27.0%	64
	answered question	237
	skipped question	33

# 15. How important do you consider the issue of lecture/lab parity or adjusting lab loads to more accurately reflect the level of preparation, teaching and grading that lab assignments entail?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Crucial	21.1%	49
Very Important	37.1%	86
Somewhat Important	31.9%	74
Not Important	9.9%	23
	answered question	232
	skipped question	38

16. Colleges around the State vary in the length of semester, ranging from 15 to 18 weeks depending on the district. Currently, our district has a semester length of 17 to 18 weeks. Assuming that any format would include the same 54-total-hours of student-contact time (so that fewer weeks would mean longer class meetings each week), which format would you prefer?

	Response Percent	Response Count
17 to 18-week semesters	31.8%	77
16 to 17-week semesters	16.1%	39
15 to 16-week semesters	38.4%	93
Not Sure or Need More Information	13.6%	33
	Please add comments.	51
	answered question	242
	skipped question	28

17. The UF learned just recently that there may be significant financial advantages to adding five minutes to some classes. Please respond to this general concept (without focusing too much on the details). If the plan included a raise in faculty compensation, would you support adding five minutes to each meeting for the classes you teach?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	49.4%	121
Support	32.7%	80
Oppose	3.7%	9
Strongly Oppose	2.9%	7
Not Sure or I Don't Know	11.4%	28
	Please add comments.	49
	answered question	245
	skipped question	25

## 18. How do you think the District should decide when to schedule Spring Break?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Use whatever week is most common for Contra Costa high schools.	24.2%	58
Schedule Spring Break exactly in the middle of the semester.	15.8%	38
Pick a fixed week (like the first week in April) so that Spring Break is at the same time every year.	31.3%	75
Negotiate every year to pick the time based on multiple factors (including local school breaks and placement in the semester).	22.5%	54
Other (please comment and explain what you'd prefer).	6.3%	15
	Please add comments to explain your answer.	58
	answered question	240
	skipped question	30

# 19. Do you agree that every semester should start on a Monday and end on a Saturday, even if that would mean eliminating one holiday or adding extra days to a semester.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	19.1%	47
Agree	26.4%	65
Disagree	16.3%	40
Strongly Disagree	10.6%	26
Not Sure or No Opinion	27.6%	68
	Comments	29
	answered question	246
	skipped question	24

# 20. Writing and assessing Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) have helped me improve my teaching and/or my classes.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	7.7%	19
Agree	22.7%	56
Disagree	29.6%	73
Strongly Disagree	30.8%	76
Not Sure or No Opinion	9.3%	23
	answered question	247
	skipped question	23

### 21. Working on SLOs has interfered with or undermined my effectiveness as a professor.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	16.3%	40
Agree	24.4%	60
Disagree	29.3%	72
Strongly Disagree	16.7%	41
Not Sure or No Opinion	13.4%	33
	answered question	246
	skipped question	24

### 22. I feel appropriately compensated for the work I do on SLOs.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	2.5%	6
Agree	14.5%	35
Disagree	26.9%	65
Strongly Disagree	36.8%	89
Not Sure or No Opinion	19.4%	47
	answered question	242
	skipped question	28

#### 23. SLOs are getting easier and taking less of my time than in the past.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	6.5%	16
Agree	32.4%	80
Disagree	23.1%	57
Strongly Disagree	15.0%	37
Not Sure or No Opinion	23.1%	57
	answered question	247
	skipped question	23

# 24. The UF should make "accreditation reform" and minimizing the work of SLOs and Program Review a high priority for our statewide advocacy efforts.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	33.3%	82
Agree	31.3%	77
Disagree	9.8%	24
Strongly Disagree	4.9%	12
Not Sure or No Opinion	20.7%	51
	Comments	37
	answered question	246
	skipped question	24

25. There are times when to represent you best and keep you informed, we need your non-district email address. Please write your name in the box below and then give us your email address. We will use this information ONLY when we need to send confidential email or occasional political announcements. We promise not to spam you or send frequent emails. Nor will we correlate your name with your anonymous answers to this survey. We are simply compiling a mailing list to better serve our members when using District email would pose a problem. Please share your NAME and NON-DISTRICT EMAIL ADDRESS:

	Response Count
	149
answered question	149
skipped question	121

# 26. UF paper-ballot elections are time-consuming for our staff and expensive. Would you support the UF switching to all-electronic voting?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	61.2%	150
Support	29.8%	73
Oppose	3.3%	8
Strongly Oppose	2.4%	6
Not Sure or I Can't Answer	3.3%	8

Please add comments.

245	answered question
25	skipped question

27. The UF is the only faculty union of which we know that asks members to ratify our annual budget every year with an election. Would you support our switching to just the Executive Board ratifying our annual budget (so long as dues don't change), while making our budget available to members on the UF website?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	25.0%	61
Support	36.9%	90
Oppose	14.3%	35
Strongly Oppose	16.0%	39
Don't Know or I Can't Answer	7.8%	19
	Please add comments.	8
	answered question	244
	skipped question	26

28. All 4CD colleges currently recognize milestones in years of service for full-time faculty, staff and managers with a bit of ceremony. Would you support adding part-time faculty to these ceremonies so that part-timers also receive recognition at 5, 10 and 15-year intervals?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Support	47.8%	118
Support	33.6%	83
Oppose	5.7%	14
Strongly Oppose	6.1%	15
Not Sure or I Can't Answer	6.9%	17
	answered question	247
	skipped question	23

# 29. Are you currently or have you ever been a Department Chair, Co-Chair or Vocational Program Coordinator?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	44.5%	109
No	55.5%	136
	answered question	245
	skipped question	25

#### 30. Which college or center do you consider your primary workplace?

	Response Percent	Response Count
CCC	14.4%	35
DVC	61.7%	150
SRC	5.3%	13
LMC	16.0%	39
Brentwood	2.5%	6
	answered question	243
	skipped question	27

#### 31. Are you mainly "instructional faculty" or "non-instructional faculty"?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Instructional Faculty	90.4%	217
Non-Instructional Faculty	9.6%	23
	answered question	240
	skipped question	30

### 32. Do you teach or have you ever taught at more than one college in CCCCD?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	23.6%	58
No	76.4%	188
	answered question	246
	skipped question	24

### 33. Which category best describes you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Full-Time with Tenure	56.7%	140
Full-Time on Tenure Track	6.5%	16
Part-Time (Adjunct) with Staffing Preference	24.7%	61
Part-Time (Adjunct) without Staffing Preference	12.1%	30
	answered question	247
	skipped question	23

### 34. Which statement best describes you this semester?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I teach part-time exclusively for the CCCCD at only one college.	59.3%	54
I teach part-time exclusively in the CCCCD at more than one college.	2.2%	2
I teach part-time in the CCCCD and in at least one other district.	28.6%	26
I have full-time employment elsewhere and teach part-time in the CCCCD.	9.9%	9
	answered question	91
	skipped question	179

### 35. Which statement is more accurate for you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I am interested in gaining full- time teaching employment.	57.8%	52
I am not interested in gaining full- time teaching employment.	42.2%	38
	answered question	90
	skipped question	180

36. Which statement is mor	e accurate for you?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
I am teaching at or close to the legal maximum load for part-time faculty (67%).	47.8%	43
I am teaching substantially less than the legal maximum load for part-time faculty (67%).	52.2%	47
	answered question	90
	skipped question	180

37. Which statement is more accurate for you?				
		onse	Response Count	
I would like to be offered at least more class or assignment as a part-timer next semester in my department(s).	6	63.6%	56	
I am teaching/working as much as I can or would like in the CCCCD as a part-timer.	3	36.4%	32	
	answered que	stion	88	
	skipped que	stion	182	

#### 38. Which campus do you consider your main college home in the CCCCD?

	Response Percent	Response Count
ccc	15.7%	14
DVC	61.8%	55
LMC	12.4%	11
SRC	7.9%	7
Brentwood	2.2%	2
	answered question	89
	skipped question	181

### 39. How satisfied are you with your working conditions in the CCCCD?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied	16.7%	15
Satisfied	56.7%	51
Unsatisfied	15.6%	14
Very Unsatisfied	7.8%	7
Not Sure	3.3%	3

Please add comments to explain your answer.

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40. Are you a member of the United Faculty Association?				
		Response Percent	Response Count	
Yes		79.1%	72	
No		9.9%	9	
Don't Know		11.0%	10	
		answered question	91	

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Philosophically against unions	7.1%	1
Too expensive	14.3%	2
See no benefits	28.6%	4
No one ever gave me an opportunity or information about joining	14.3%	2
Need information about membership	14.3%	2
Other	21.4%	3

Please add comments to explain your answer.

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answered question 14
skipped question 256

42. Please rate	your knowledg	e of the following:
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	1 (no - little or no knowledge)	2	3	4	5 (yes - a lot of understanding)	Rating Average	Rating Count
I understand my right to unemployment during breaks in employment (winter/summer).	21.6% (19)	5.7% (5)	10.2% (9)	19.3% (17)	43.2% (38)	3.57	88
I understand how to apply for unemployment.	22.7% (20)	10.2% (9)	11.4% (10)	12.5% (11)	43.2% (38)	3.43	88
I understand I can apply for "under- employment" if my usual load is decreased.	42.5% (37)	11.5% (10)	9.2% (8)	9.2% (8)	27.6% (24)	2.68	87
I have applied for and used unemployment benefits in the past.	52.9% (46)	0.0%	1.1% (1)	6.9% (6)	39.1% (34)	2.79	87
					answered question		88
					skipped	question	182

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	5.6%	5
Agree	36.7%	33
Disagree	35.6%	32
Strongly Disagree	22.2%	20
	answered question	90
	skipped question	180

44. Do you have "staffing preference" in any CCCCD department?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	61.8%	55
No	30.3%	27
Not Sure	7.9%	7
	answered question	89
	skipped question	181

# 45. During the scheduling process, are you asked to communicate your preferences and availability to your department?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, there is a form that I fill out.	38.9%	35
Yes, we communicate in person or by email.	43.3%	39
No, my department offers sections without ever asking me what I would prefer.	17.8%	16
	answered question	90
	skipped question	180

# 46. Have you ever been shown or given a written copy of your department's bylaws and/or scheduling guidelines?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	16.7%	15
No	62.2%	56
Not Sure	21.1%	19
	answered question	90
	skipped question	180

### 47. What sort of scheduling criteria does your department use?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Seniority	16.7%	15
Rotation	1.1%	1
Expertise and program needs regardless of seniority	11.1%	10
Not Sure	63.3%	57
Other	7.8%	7

Please add comments.

answered question 90

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180

skipped question

# 48. How satisfied are you with the way your department handles staffing and communicates with you regarding your schedule?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied	18.9%	17
Satisfied	52.2%	47
Dissatisfied	15.6%	14
Very Dissatisfied	13.3%	12

Please add comments or suggestions for improvement.

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skipped q	uestion 180

### 49. I fully understand the evaluation process at CCCCD.

	Respon Percer	
Strongly Agree	17.8	3% 16
Agree	60.0	)% 54
Disagree	16.7	7% 15
Strongly Disagree	5.6	5% 5

Please add comments.

90	answered question
n 180	skipped question

#### 50. I am satisfied with the way my evaluations have been handled.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	26.7%	23
Agree	54.7%	47
Disagree	12.8%	11
Strongly Disagree	5.8%	5
	Please add comments.	10

86	answered question	
184	skipped question	

#### 51. I had all the documents I needed and time to prepare for my most recent evaluation.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	42.0%	37
Agree	46.6%	41
Disagree	6.8%	6
Strongly Disagree	4.5%	4
	Please add comments.	ρ

88	answered question	
182	skipped question	

# 52. I had a productive post-evaluation meeting with my evaluator where we reviewed and discussed my evaluation once it was complete.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	34.5%	30
Agree	48.3%	42
Disagree	14.9%	13
Strongly Disagree	2.3%	2
	Please add comments.	9

answered question	87
skipped question	183

# 53. Evaluations in CCCCD are focused on mentoring and helping faculty improve rather than on judging performance or being punitive.

	Respons Percen	-
Strongly Agree	21.8	% 19
Agree	36.8	% 32
Disagree	16.1	% 14
Strongly Disagree	18.4	% 16
Not Sure or No Opinion	6.9	% 6
	Please add commen	ts. 18
	answered question	on 87

skipped question

# 54. There should be more opportunities available to part-time faculty for training and professional development.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	44.3%	39
Agree	46.6%	41
Disagree	9.1%	8
Strongly Diagree	0.0%	0
	What sorts of trainings or workshops would you like to see offered?	17
	answered question	88

skipped question