## thoughtexchange

# Exchange Summary

Given the realities of the Academic and Administrative restructuring that is underway at the U of A (with a goal to improve efficiencies and reduce the overall number of faculties and departments on our campus), how might we proactively reimagine our current academic and administrative structures? PARTICIPATION Breakdown of Participation

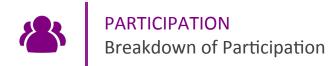




Please indicate your role in the Faculty



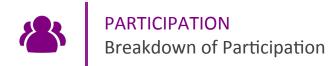
%	*	Answer
39%	(60)	Staff
58%	(90)	Faculty
3%	(5)	Other



If you are a staff member, how many years have you worked in the Faculty?



_	%	*	Answer
	31%	(47)	I am not staff.
	32%	(50)	• 0-10
	31%	(48)	<b>11-20</b>
	5%	(8)	21-30
	1%	(1)	Longer than 30 years.



If you are a faculty member, what is your designation?



%	*	Answer
44%	(68)	I am not a professor.
10%	(16)	Assistant Professor
13%	(20)	Associate Professor
33%	(50)	Professor



restructuring require departments faculty eans undergraduate staff resources research teaching eliminate CUt merge depts Way duplication like registration e new education reduce generate shared **courses** graduate less admin positions **associate** number one programs administrative support studies structure different

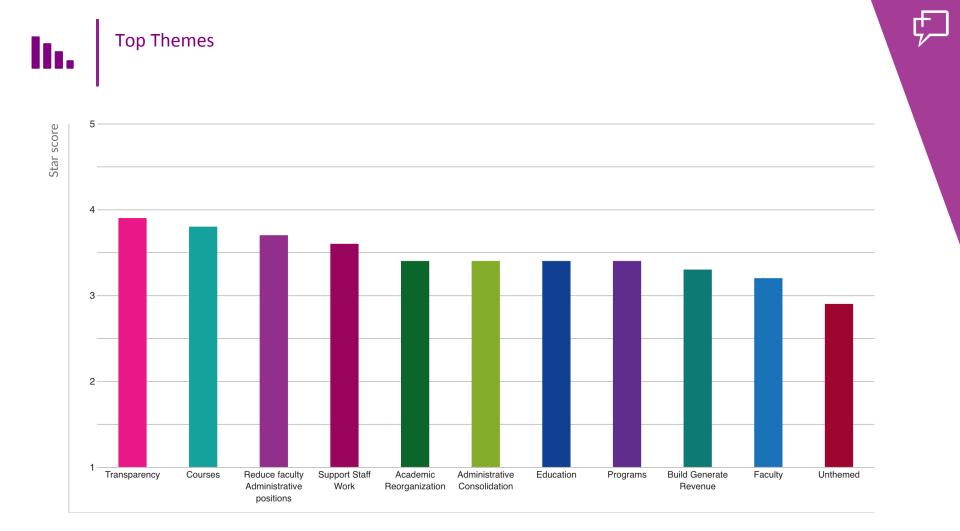


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Be really clear about how certain changes fix the budget issue

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The most important thing is for Jennifer to be 100% candid with us. We need to know what's going on and how we will be affected

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Until we know the cost of each possibility, this thought exchange feels like mob rule. Decision making requires complex information. we need the financials around decisions, for example teaching 5th course, amalgamating depts., university decisions

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Find ways to streamline the registration process for students so that we could have a team that works together on timetabling and registrations

Registration issues causes a lot of concern and stress for students, as well as the admin staff that work hard to help students register

## THEMES Reduce Faculty Administrative Positions

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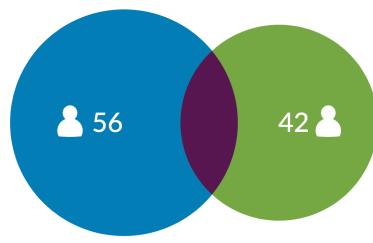


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## Side A

I think we need to decrease the number of departments. At the most we need 2: One for the graduate programs, one for undergraduate. This will greatly reduce the number of administrative appointments.

## **★** 4.3 **★** 1.5

De-departmentalize the faculty and consolidate Chairs and Associate chair roles Efficiency and consistency

## Side A/B Common (high)

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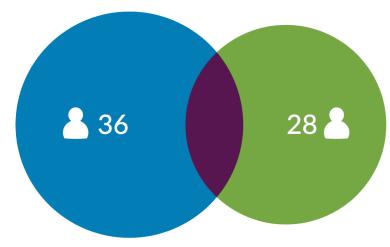
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## Side A

Our faculty runs so smoothly, as compared to others, and we have always valued our support staff. It looks like faculty members will have to take on more responsibility....which will be time consuming and change the generally positive attit within

### **★**4.6 **★**1.5

It is difficult to envision the future when we are so busy with preparing for a remote year There is only so much energy

#### **★**4.5 **★**1.8

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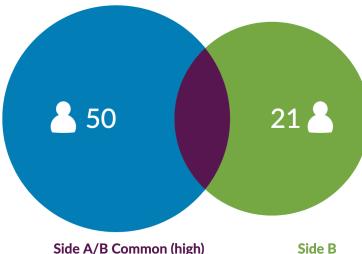
centralized admin team serving a single undergraduate department for teacher education and a school of graduate studies in education

#### **★** 1.8 **★** 4.5

The graduate programs in Elmentary and Secondary Education Departments must be merged. This will reduce administrative duplication and strengthen the garduate programs, especially the Doctoral program.

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## Side A

Keep the Faculty of Education on its own and not combined with another Faculty Education is diversity enough on its own

### ★ 4.5 ★ 1.1

Realize the good work that we've done in becoming a lean faculty and keep this in mind as for equity issues in the restructuring How many cuts or additional responsibilities for faculty can we take on before we lose the quality of our programs and we lose research

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No thoughts



# Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.