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# COACHE

## Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey

College of Medicine College-Level Report

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# Survey Background

- COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) is a research-practice partnership based in Harvard Graduate School of Education
- UT Board of Trustees recommended using this regularly as a faculty survey (UTK has participated for several years)
- UT System managed the COACHE contract for all UT institutions
- Vice Chancellor AFSA, Office of Faculty Affairs, and the Office of Institutional Research coordinated the survey and analyses
- Focuses solely on faculty
- Allows for benchmarking faculty experience over time
- Permits comparison with peer institutions who use COACHE

# Survey Branching and Programming

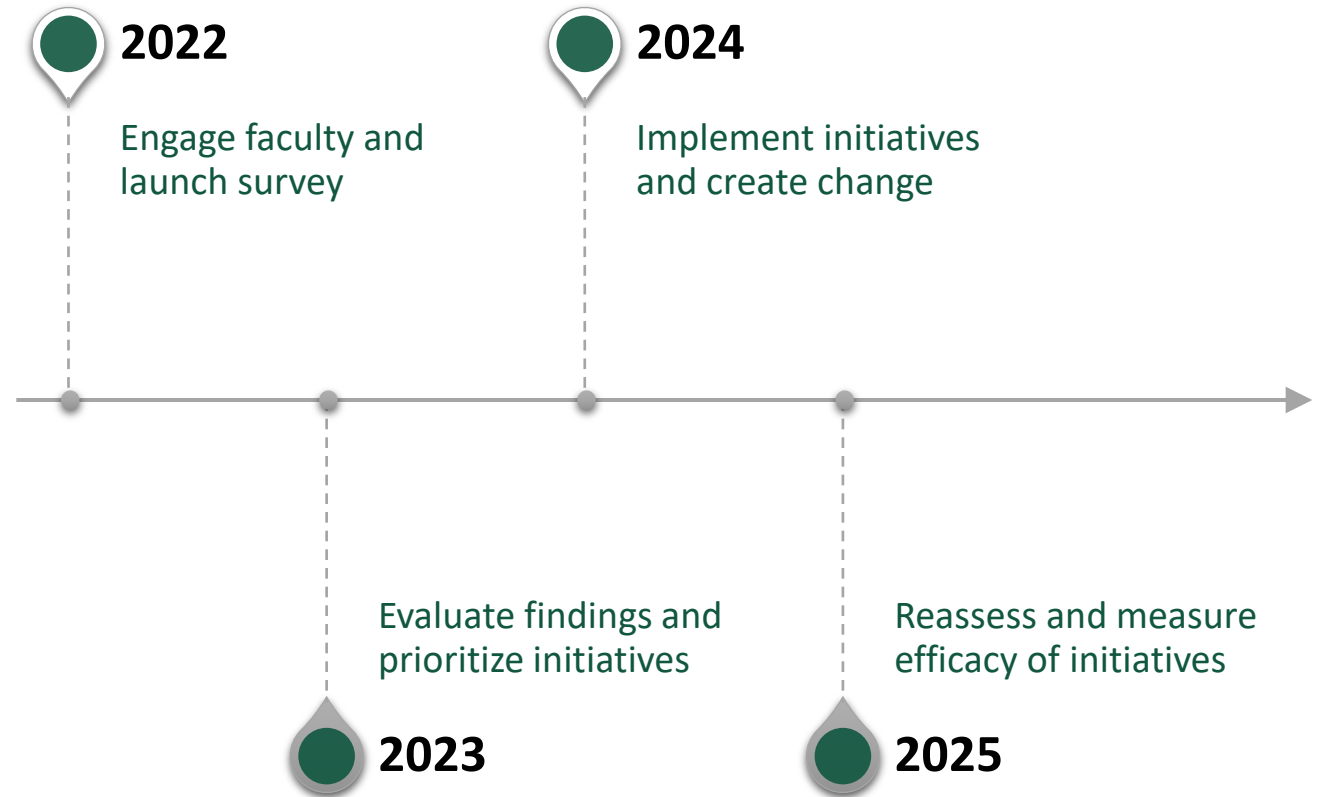
- Respondents were presented with only questions that directly related to their background and experience, including
  - Rank: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor
  - Tenure status: Non-tenure track, Tenure-track, Tenured
  - Clinical appointment type: Clinical faculty
- Most items used a five-point Likert scale
  - Satisfaction | Agreement | Importance | Effectiveness | Clarity | Frequency | Seriousness
  - Example: Very satisfied, Satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied
  - Time frame: Frequently, Regularly, Occasionally, Seldom, Never
  - Additional options of a) decline to answer, b) not applicable, c) I don't know

# Horizon Timeline

UTHSC launched the COACHE survey in 2022.

The COACHE survey process is designed to span a 3-year period, moving from

- survey launch to
- evaluating findings and prioritizing initiatives to
- implementing initiatives and creating change
- culminating in reassessment.



# Where are we now?

Timeframe	Action
February 2022	Survey opened
April 2022	Survey closed
September-November 2022	Campus-level and college-level data received
November 2022-February 2023	Campus-level and college-level reports built by Chief Data Officer
Spring 2023	Campus-level reports to President, Campus Administrators, Deans, Faculty Senate College-level reports to Deans
Summer 2023	Campus-level and college-level working groups identify focus areas based on data.
Fall 2023	Campus-level and college-level working groups identify action items and implementation plans are built.

# Survey Question Themes

Nature of Work  
Overall

Nature of Work:  
Teaching

Nature of Work:  
Research

Nature of Work:  
Service

Resources &  
Support

Interdisciplinary  
Work, Collaboration,  
& Mentoring

Tenure & Promotion

Institutional  
Governance &  
Leadership; Shared  
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Department  
Engagement,  
Vitality, Productivity,  
& Effectiveness

Work & Personal  
Life Balance;  
Climate

Appreciation &  
Recognition

Recruitment &  
Retention

# Survey Scales

Alternative Answer Choices	
Decline to answer	Not Applicable
98	99

Satisfaction	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
	5	4	3	2	1
Agreement	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1
Importance	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
	5	4	3	2	1
Clarity	Very clear	Clear	Neither clear nor unclear	Unclear	Very unclear
	5	4	3	2	1
Frequency	Very frequently	frequently	Neither frequently nor infrequently	Infrequently	Very frequently
	5	4	3	2	1

# COACHE Survey Documents

- COACHE 2022 College of Medicine Summary Report
  - Visual report of survey data
  - Survey comments
- COACHE 2022 Dean's Comparative Report
  - Spreadsheet of survey question means and frequencies
  - UTHSC, cohort, and peer institution comparative data
- COACHE Survey Instrument
- COACHE List of Participating Institutions
- COACHE 2022 College of Medicine Presentation



# Initial Results for College of Medicine

# Response Rates by College

	Population	Respondents	Response Rate
Dentistry	101	43	43%
Graduate Health Sciences	N<5	N<5	N<5
Health Professions	63	43	68%
Library	11	6	55%
<b>Medicine</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>24%</b>
Nursing	106	42	40%
Pharmacy	63	38	60%
<b>ALL FACULTY</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>31%</b>

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<b>Tenure Status</b>				
T	194	74	38%	45%
TT	45	19	42%	44%
NTT	736	140	19%	26%
<b>Rank</b>				
Professor (or Full Professor)	219	81	37%	41%
Associate Professor	260	65	25%	34%
Assistant Professor	465	86	18%	26%
Instructor/Lecturer	31	<5	--	25%
<b>Gender</b>				
Man/Trans man	626	134	21%	26%
Woman/Trans woman	347	97	28%	36%
Not listed above (Please specify)	<5	<5	--	100%
<b>Ethnicity-Race</b>				
American Indian or Native Alaskan	<5	<5		--
Asian or Asian-American	224	45	20%	25%
Black or African-American	59	17	29%	35%
Hispanic or Latino/a	38	10	26%	30%
Middle Eastern, Southwest Asian, or North African	6	<5	--	75%
Multiracial	5	<5	--	--
White (non-Hispanic)	638	151	24%	31%
Other	<5	<5	--	86%
Faculty of Color	337	82	30%	31%
Underrepresented Minorities	113	37	31%	39%

# College Strengths by Theme Area

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# Nature of Work: Overall

Example:

## Time spent on teaching

Q45A - Teaching - Please rate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the portion of your time spent on the following.



# Nature of Work: Teaching

Example:

## Discretion over course content

Q70C - The discretion you have over the content of the courses you teach



# Resources and Support

Example:

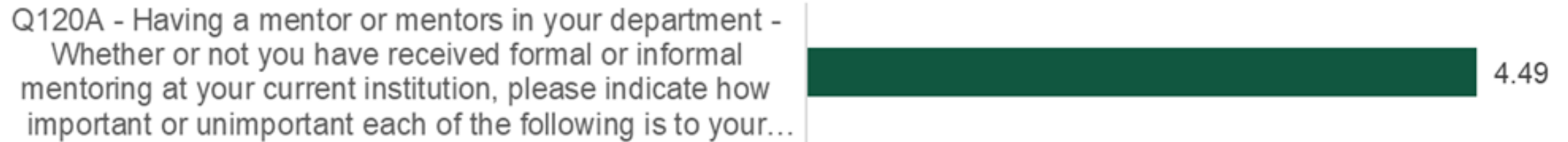
## Library resources



# Interdisciplinary Work, Collaboration, & Mentoring

## Example:

### Mentorship within department





# Tenure & Promotion

Example:

## Clarity of promotion process

Q140A - The promotion process in my department -  
Please rate the clarity of the following aspects of...



# Department Engagement, Vitality, Productivity, & Effectiveness

## Example:

### Support and promotion of diversity and inclusion

Q212A - On the whole, my department colleagues are committed to supporting and promoting diversity and inclusion in the department- Please rate your...



# Appreciation & Recognition

Example:

College valued by campus administration

Q220A - I feel that my school/college is valued by this institution's President/Chancellor and Provost.



# College Opportunities by Theme Area

Nature of Work Overall	Nature of Work: Teaching	Nature of Work: Research	Nature of Work: Service
Resources & Support	Interdisciplinary Work, Collaboration, & Mentoring	Tenure & Promotion	Institutional Governance & Leadership; Shared Governance
Department Engagement, Vitality, Productivity, & Effectiveness	Work & Personal Life Balance; Climate	Appreciation & Recognition	Recruitment & Retention

# Nature of Work: Research

## Example:

### Support for securing graduate student assistance

Q85C - Securing graduate student assistance - Please rate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the support your institution has offered you for...



# Nature of Work: Service

Example:

**Additional service work compensation**

Q60F - How equitably additional service work is compensated in your department



# Resources and Support

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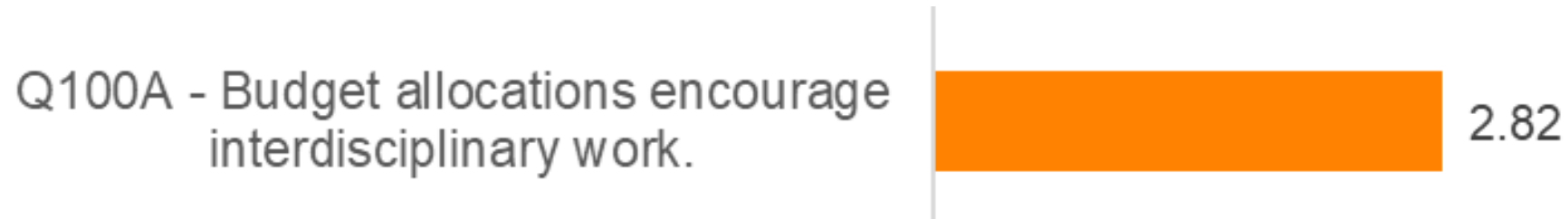
## Childcare



# Interdisciplinary Work, Collaboration, & Mentoring

## Example:

### Budget for interdisciplinary work





# Institutional Governance & Leadership; Shared Governance

## Example:

**Dean or division head provides sufficient support for adapting to the changing mission**

Q175A - My dean or division head - In adapting to the changing mission, I have received sufficient support...



# Department Engagement, Vitality, Productivity, & Effectiveness

Example:

## Support for faculty to be good mentors

Q130C - My institution provides adequate support for faculty to be good mentors.



# Incongruences

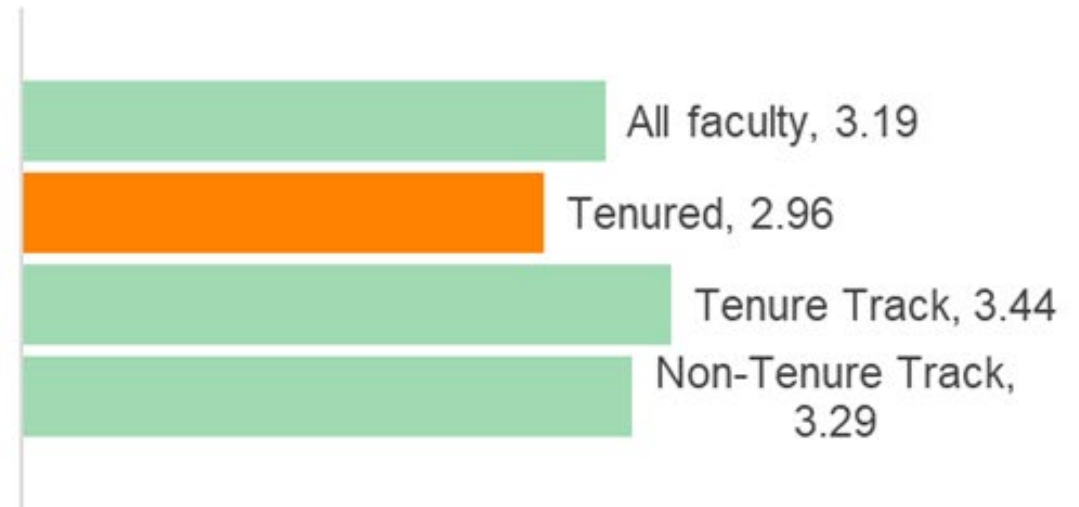
Items with overall positive means but  
at least one group has mean less than 3.0

# Incongruence

Example:

## Advising support

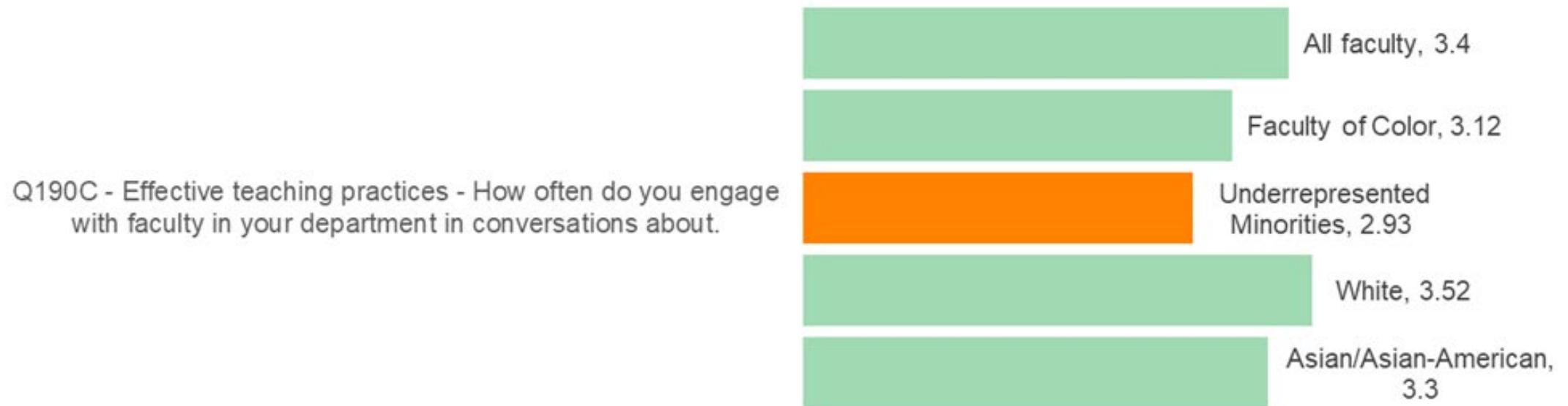
Q60H - The support your institution has offered you to be a good advisor to students



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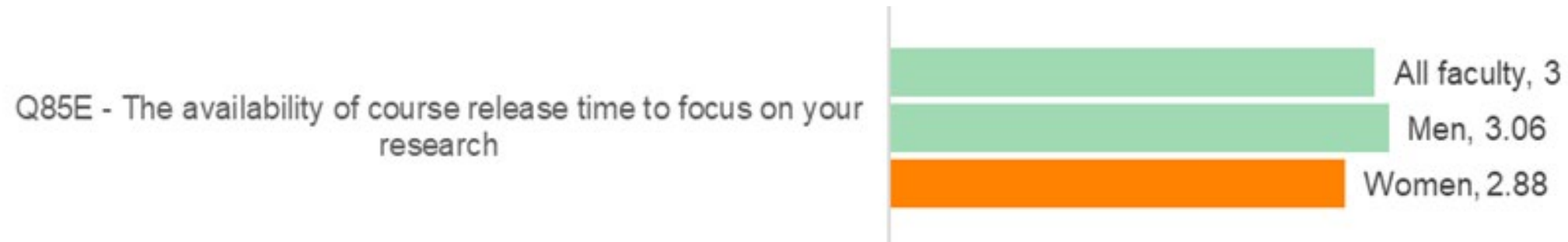
### Conversations regarding effective teaching practices



# Incongruence

Example:

## Course release time

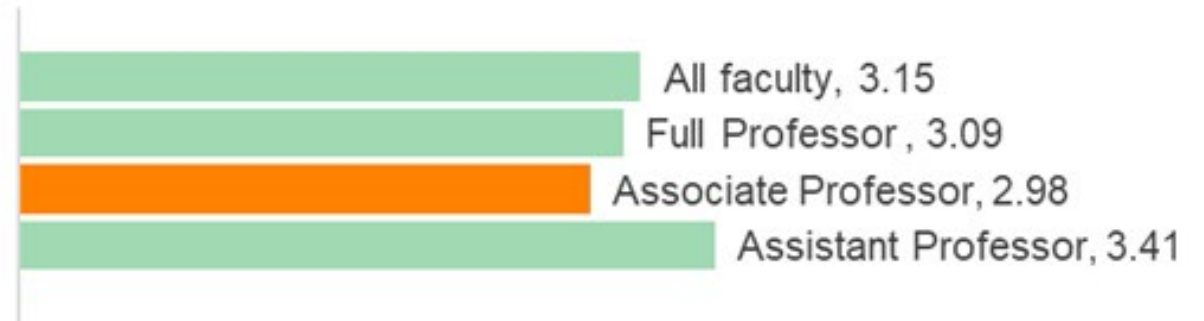


# Incongruence

Example:

## Evaluation of interdisciplinary work

Q100G - My department understands how to evaluate interdisciplinary work.

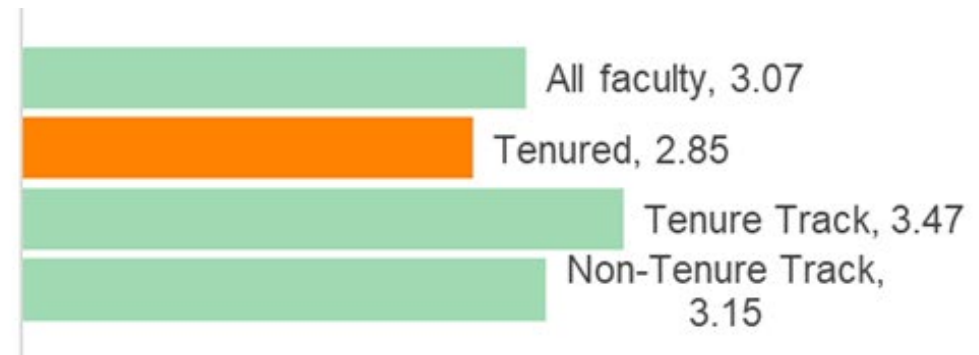


# Incongruence

## Example:

### Leadership consistency

Q170C - My institution's priorities are acted upon consistently across all levels of leadership. - Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements (i.e. president, provost, deans/division heads, and department chairs/heads)







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# Cohort Comparison

How does the College of Medicine  
compare to its COACHE peer institutions?

# COACHE Cohort Institutions

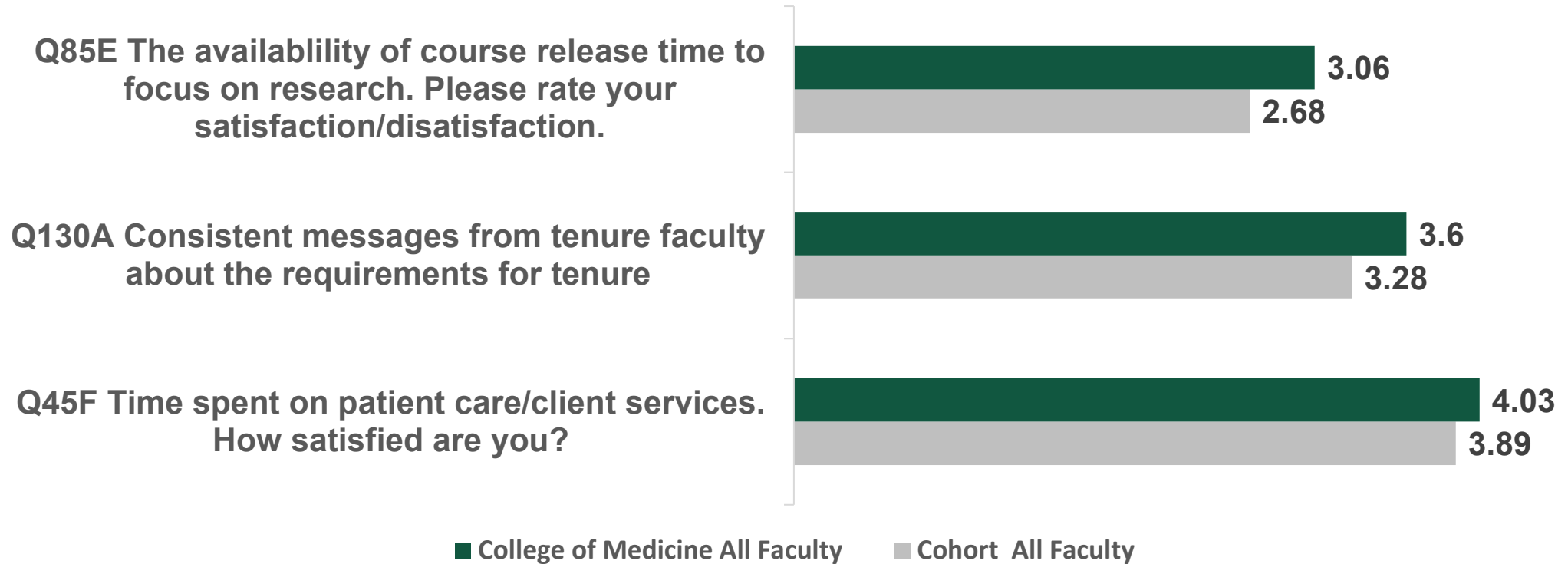
- Central Michigan University – College of Medicine
- Emory University – School of Medicine
- Florida International University – Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
- Florida State University – College of Medicine
- Georgetown University – School of Medicine
- Indiana University - Bloomington – School of Medicine
- Kent State University – College of Podiatric Medicine
- SUNY - Stony Brook University – School of Medicine
- SUNY - University at Buffalo – Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- University of California, Davis – School of Medicine
- University of Central Florida – College of Medicine
- University of Cincinnati - Main Campus – College of Medicine
- University of Louisville – School of Medicine
- University of Missouri - Columbia – School of Medicine
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill – School of Medicine
- University of Pittsburgh – School of Medicine
- University of South Carolina - Columbia – School of Medicine - Columbia
- University of South Florida – Morsani College of Medicine
- University of Texas at Austin – Dell Medical School
- University of Virginia – School of Medicine
- Vanderbilt University – School of Medicine
- Virginia Commonwealth University – School of Medicine
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine
- Washington State University – Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

# COACHE Peer Institutions\*

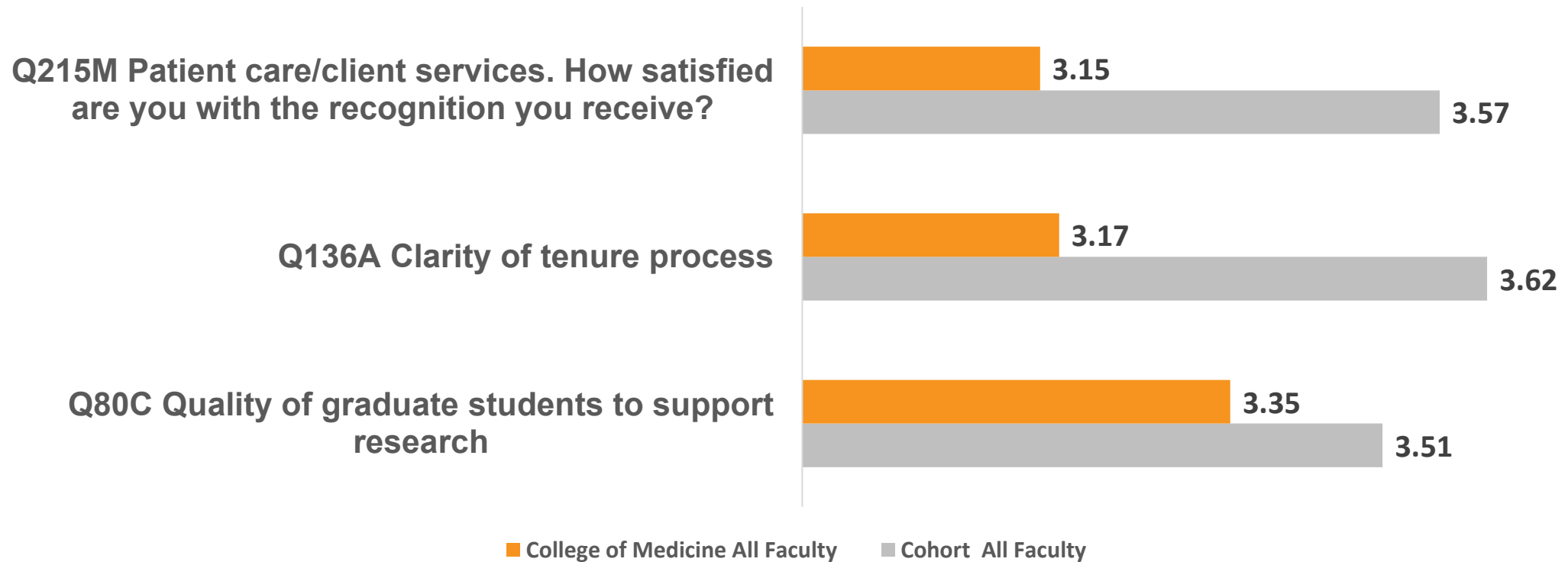
- SUNY - Stony Brook University – School of Medicine
- University of Cincinnati - Main Campus – College of Medicine
- University of Missouri - Columbia – School of Medicine
- University of South Carolina - Columbia – School of Medicine – Columbia
- University of South Florida – Morsani College of Medicine

\*Deans were asked to select five institutions that were most similar to their college from the list of institutions that participated in the COACHE survey in the last three years.

# Example Higher than Cohort



# Example Lower than Cohort





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# Best and Worst Aspects of Working at UTHSC

# College: Best and Worst Aspects of Working at UTHSC

## 5 Best (last 3 tied)

- Quality of colleagues (19%)
- Support of colleagues (15%)
- Cost of living (14%)
- Academic freedom (6%)
- Compensation (5%)
- Geographic location (5%)
- Opportunities to collaborate with colleagues (5%)

## 5 Worst

- Quality of facilities (13%)
- Compensation (12%)
- Too much service/assignments (10%)
- Lack of support for research (6%)
- Geographic location (8%)

Question prompts:

- Please check the two (and only two) best aspects about working at your institution.
- Please check the two (and only two) worst aspects about working at your institution.



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Next Steps



# Campus-level Next Steps

- Work with UT System and other UT Campuses to harmonize the roll-out of system-wide comparative analyses and initiatives
- Present college-specific reports to the Dean of each college
- Assemble campus-level task force to review data
  - Members of Faculty Senate Committees
  - Faculty representatives from each college
  - Demographic cross-section of faculty
  - Administrators
- Campus-level task force works with the college-level working groups to identify proposed action items that cross colleges and support individual colleges

# College-level Next Steps

- Identify college faculty representative to serve on campus-level task force
- Assemble college-level working group to review data
  - Conduct high level review of the responses to COACHE and McLean surveys to determine if there is alignment around a single area across both the faculty and staff surveys
  - Identify COACHE data trends within and across groups (rank, tenure status, race/ethnicity, gender); obtain further comparative analysis, where warranted, that will guide initiatives
- College-level working groups prepare college-specific actions plans to share with campus-level task force to help identify proposed action items that cross colleges and support individual colleges

Questions?

