Spring 2025 Employee Satisfaction Survey

Chabot College: Office of Research, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness





Agenda

- Employee Satisfaction Survey Background
- Key Data Highlights from Quantitative Questions
 - Notable differences across employee categorizations
- Qualitative Data (Open-ended Questions)
 - Positive Comment Themes
 - Constructive Feedback Themes
- A Note on Data Overload and Presentation Length...
- Coming soon...
 - Analysis of responses to the open-ended questions on discrimination



Employee Satisfaction Survey Background

- Administered Spring 2025 (Open 2/19/25 to 3/3/25)
- 231 Employee Responses
 - 78 Classified Professionals
 - 55 Full-Time Faculty
 - 30 Part-Time Faculty
 - 6 Administrators
 - 62 Did not disclose

• Fall 2024 Employees (636)

- 152 Classified Professionals
- 164 Full-Time Faculty
- 293 Part-Time Faculty
- 27 Administrators



Employee Satisfaction Respondent Demographics*

	Survey Respondents	All Chabot Employees
Classified Professionals	41%	24%
Faculty (Full- or Part-Time)	45%	72%
Administrators	3%	4%
Time at Chabot (10 years or less)	60%	58%
Women	58%	55%
Men	21%	45%
Nonbinary/Two-Spirit/Prefer to Self-Describe	3%	-
African American/Black/African	9%	10%
Asian American/Asian/Filipino/a/x	8%	20%
Latino/a/x	18%	19%
White/European American	29%	42%
Native American	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	1%	<1%
Other/Unknown Race/Ethnicity	2%	5%

Percentages within broad categories, such as gender or race/ethnicity, do not add to 100% because significant

*Please note:

percentages (i.e., ~20-30%) of respondents did not disclose and they are included in the denominator.



Discussion Questions (if time allows)

1. What items in the quantitative data and/or feedback do you believe are most important to address (from the perspectives of faculty)?

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"...Leadership requires making tough decisions, listening to critical yet constructive feedback, and, most importantly, taking meaningful action to foster a culture of trust and accountability. This survey represents a step in the right direction, as it provides an opportunity for honest feedback. Thank you for taking the first step."





Quantitative Data



Overall Employment Satisfaction

	Percent who were		Percent of those responding					Responses to each question		
Based on your overall experience at Chabot over the past year, <u>how satisfied</u> are you with:	Satisfied or Very Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Dissatisfied Nor Satisfied		Very Satisfied	Number	Pct. of 231	Margin of Error*	
Overall employment at Chabot College	73%	2%	10%	15%	52%	21%	230	100%	6%	

	Percentage who were satisfied or very satisfied						
Based on your overall experience at Chabot over the past year, <u>how satisfied</u> are you with:	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other** (n = 68)		
Overall employment at Chabot College	73%	66% ^F	85% ^{C,O}	70%	72% ^F		



Method to determine differences

• Independent sample *t*-tests on the percentages

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 Superscripts added where statistically significant differences are found (i.e., p ≤ .10)

Majority of Respondents Feel a Sense of Belonging

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or	Percentage who agree or strongly agree							
disagree with the following statements about the campus climate:		Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)			
I feel welcome at Chabot	67%	72% ⁰	65%	69%	56% ^C			
I feel a sense of belonging at Chabot	62%	67%	64%	59%	54%			
Overall, I feel safe at Chabot	70%	63% ^{F,P}	78% ^{C,O}	83% ^{C,O}	62% ^{F,P}			

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or	Agree or	64		Neither		St. J		Pct. of	
disagree with the following statements about the	Strongly	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree Nor	Agree	Strongly Agree	Number		Margin of Error
campus climate:	Agree	Ŭ		Disagree				231	
I feel welcome at Chabot	67%	4%	9%	20%	46%	20%	201	87%	7%
I feel a sense of belonging at Chabot	62%	5%	14%	19%	43%	19%	201	87%	7%
Overall, I feel safe at Chabot	70%	4%	7%	19%	49%	20%	201	87%	6%



Majority of Respondents do NOT feel Well-Trained for their Positions

To what extent do you agree with the following		Percentage who agree or strongly agree					
To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your personal experiences at Chabot?	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)		
I feel Chabot trained me to succeed in my position.	30%	28%	36% ⁰	33%	21% ^F		

Satisfaction with Leadership and Colleagues

	Percentage who were satisfied or very satisfied							
Based on your overall experience at Chabot over the past year, <u>how satisfied</u> are you with:	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other** (n = 68)			
Overall employment at Chabot College	73%	66% ^F	85% ^{C,O}	70%	72% ^F			
Senior Leadership (e.g., President and Vice Presidents) at Chabot College	48%	41% ^P	54%	60% ^C	47%			
Colleagues within your program/department	69%	59% ^{F,O}	75%	70% ^C	76% ^C			
Colleagues outside of your program/department	68%	60% ^{F,O}	76% ^{C,P}	59% ^F	73% ^C			
Maintenance/cleanliness of buildings and grounds	69%	71% ^F	56% ^{C,P,O}	80% ^F	72% ^F			
Classroom facilities	54%	55%	49%	63%	52%			
Parking facilities	67%	65% ^P	67% ^P	87% ^{C,F,O}	60% ^P			
Bathrooms	56%	49% ^P	49% ^P	87% ^{C,F,O}	55% ^P			



Satisfaction with Transparency in Decision-Making

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? The Chabot College administration is transparent about decisions concerning:	Percentage who agree or strongly agree							
	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)			
Facilities (e.g., available spaces)	41%	37%	35%	48%	47%			
Funding for resources	32%	38% ^F	11% ^{C,P,O}	38% ^F	41% ^F			
Funding for hiring	22%	25%	19%	24%	22%			
Technology	33%	36% ^F	22% ^{C,P}	43% ^F	34%			
Your program/division	48%	40% ^P	45%	59% ^C	53%			



Respect for Differences

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or		Percentage w	vho agree or s	trongly agree	
disagree with the following statements about the campus climate:		Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)
At Chabot, there is general respect for differences in:					
race-ethnicity	72%	72%	70%	82% ⁰	66% ^P
disability	72%	72%	69%	79%	70%
gender (men/women)	69%	72%	67%	72%	61%
gender (transgender, gender nonbinary, genderqueer)	69%	71% ⁰	69%	79% ⁰	57% ^{C,P}
age	69%	72% ⁰	71%	72%	58% ^C
sexual orientation	72%	72%	73%	79% ⁰	63% ^P
native language	69%	76% ⁰	64%	76% ⁰	55% ^{C,P}
religion	62%	67%	54% ^P	72% ^F	57%
job classification	49%	42% ^P	55%	61% ^C	46%



Discrimination Experienced at Chabot

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How often, if ever, have you experienced discrimination at Chabot over the past year based on the following characteristics?		Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)
Age	16%	18%	15%	11%	17%
Citizenship Status	4%	5% ^P	2%	0% ^{C,O}	8% ^P
Disability	7%	9% ^P	5% ^P	0% ^{C,F,O}	9% ^P
Educational Level	15%	22% ^{F.P}	9% ^C	7% ^C	14%
Ethnicity or Race	29%	34% ^P	33% ^P	7% ^{C,F,O}	31% ^P
Gender	22%	21%	29% ^P	11% ^F	20%
Job Classification (administrator, faculty, classified professional)	35%	53% ^{F,P,O}	20% ^C	26% ^C	25% ^C
Language	10%	13% ^{F,P}	4% ^{C,O}	4% ^{C,O}	17% ^{F,P}
Religious Beliefs	11%	13% ^P	13%	4% ^C	9%
Sexual Orientation	7%	8% ^P	7% ^P	0% ^{C,F,O}	9% ^P
Socioecomonic Status	10%	17% ^{F,P}	7% ^{C,P}	0% ^{C,F,O}	9% ^P
Other	17%	17%	15%	11% ⁰	25% ^P



Mental Health

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about the campus climate:	Percentage who agree or strongly agree					
	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)	
There is an emotionally supportive climate at Chabot for employees with mental health needs	37%	39%	31% ^P	55% ^{F,O}	27% ^p	



Remote Work

To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your personal experiences at Chabot?	Percentage who agree or strongly agree					
	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)	
I believe I could work more days remotely and still fulfill my job responsibilities and serve students effectively.	53%	65% ^{F,P}	45% ^c	38% ^C	52%	



Positives about Benefits

To what extent do you agree with the following	Percentage who agree or strongly agree						
To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding your personal experiences at Chabot?	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)		
Overall, the employee benefits available to me cover my needs.	67%	74% ^P	73% ^P	34% ^{C,F,O}	69% ^P		
Overall, I am able to easily access/utilize the employee benefits offered to me.	68%	79% ^{P,O}	72% ^P	41% ^{C,F,O}	62% ^{C,P}		



Issues with Benefits

		Percentage	with at least 1	benefit issue	
Percentage of employees that stated at least 1 benefit issue.	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)
	31%	31% 33%	27%	24%	36%

Percentage of Overal **OVERALL:** Have you, or any other family member who uses your Chabot employee benefits, ever been unsatisfied with any Mental Retire-Medical Dental Prescriptions Vision of the following employee benefits? Please select all benefits that Health ment have been unsatisfactory. 12% 10% 15% 4% 6% 7%

Mental Health							
Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78) Full-Time Faculty (n = 55) Faculty (n = 30)		Other (n = 68)				
10%	8%	16%	3%	6%			

Vacation/Sick Leave								
Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78) Faculty Faculty		Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)				
11%	16%	7%	3%	5%				

Worker's

Comp-

ensation

2%

C = difference with classified; F = difference with full-time faculty; P = difference with part-time faculty; O = difference with other employees Administrators (n=6) are combined with employees that did not disclose their job classification (n=62) to protect anonymity and have a group large enough for statistical comparisons.



Vacation/

Sick Leave

11%

Other

6%

Majority of Respondents Feel Supported by their Managers

To what extent do you agree with the following	Percentage who agree or strongly agree					
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I feel supported by my manager.	63%	67%	57%	69%	61%	



Majority of Respondents Would Recommend Chabot

	Percentage who agree or strongly agree					
How much do you agree with the following statements:	Overall (n = 231)	Classified (n = 78)	Full-Time Faculty (n = 55)	Part-Time Faculty (n = 30)	Other (n = 68)	
I would recommend Chabot College as a place of employment to friends/family/others.	62%	62% ⁰	69% ⁰	72% ⁰	42% ^{C,F,P}	
I plan to leave Chabot within the next 5 years due to dissatisfaction with the college and/or district.	18%	17% ⁰	13% ⁰	10% ⁰	36% ^{C,F,P}	





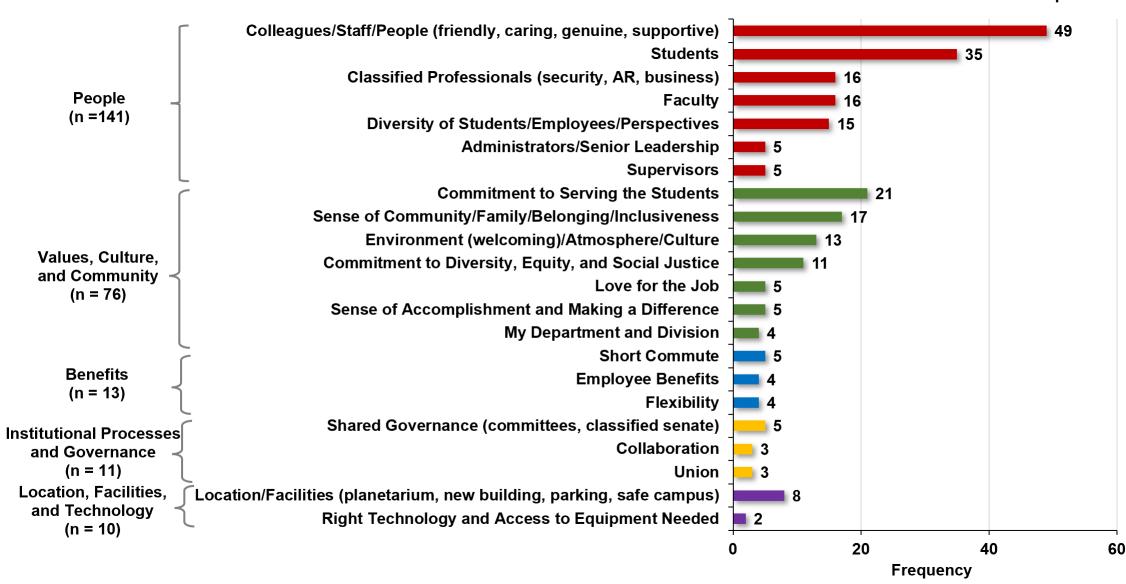
Qualitative Data

Themes in the **Positive Feedback**: What is something you like about Chabot?



What is something you like about Chabot?

145 Responses



Colleagues, Staff, People (friendly, caring, genuine, supportive) (n=49)

- The most frequent response to what do you like about Chabot was the people!
- Respondents wrote again and again that they liked their "colleagues," "co-workers," and the "wonderful people."



Classified Professionals (n=16) and Faculty (n=16)

 Some respondents were also specific in mentioning people by employee classification, writing they appreciated classified professionals and faculty.



Students (n=35)

- The second most frequent response to what people like about Chabot is the students.
- Respondents wrote, quite simply, "the students."



Commitment to Working with Students (n=21)

- The third most frequent response to what people like about Chabot is how committed people are to the students.
- Respondents wrote about appreciating people's:
 - Commitment to serving students
 - Dedication to students
 - Genuine care about students



Sense of Community, Family, Belonging, or Inclusiveness (n=17)

- The fourth most frequent response to what people like about Chabot is consistent with the quantitative data.
- Many respondents like the sense of community, belonging, and home they feel at Chabot.
 - Feeling of community
 - Sense of family and genuine caring for others
 - The sense of inclusiveness
 - Sense of belonging



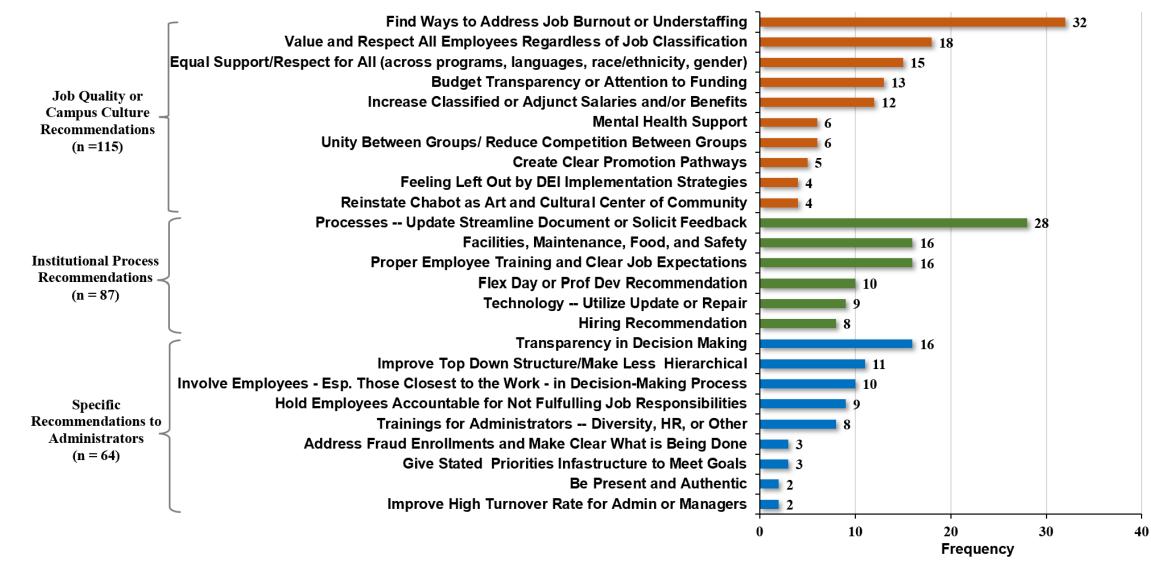


Qualitative Data

Themes in the **Constructive Feedback**: What would you like to see changed at Chabot to be more satisfied?



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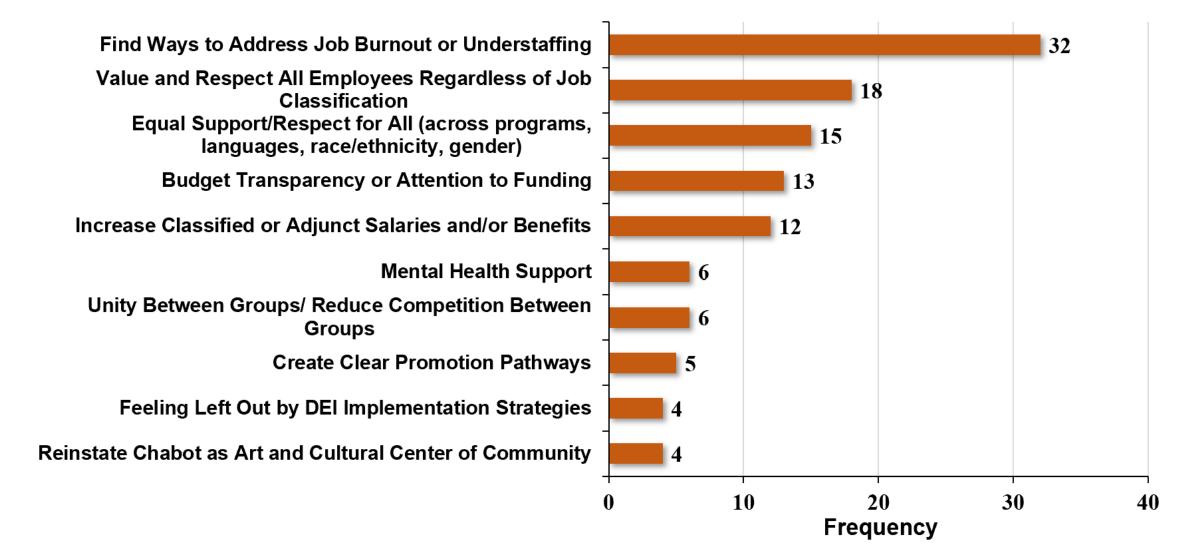


Defining the Codes

- As exciting as it would be to listen to the definitions and quotes from 25 codes...
- Narrowed down to codes that:
 - Mentioned with high frequency
 - Lead to actionable policy decisions
 - Reflected in quantitative data



Broad Theme 1: Job Quality or Campus Culture Recommendation (n=115)



Find Ways to Address Job Burnout or Understaffing (n=32)

- When adding new work/new initiative → think about what can be stopped or made more efficient. Otherwise the new work can take away from student contact time.
 - We are always adding and rarely reducing or eliminating
- Calls for Regular and Broad Evaluations of Workload:
 - Between small departments (1-2 fulltime faculty) and large departments who have reassign time for a coordinator. Can anything be done that would allow faculty in small departments to have time for administrative tasks, student support, and shared governance work?
 - Across areas and classified roles. Unequal distribution of work.
 - Insufficient classified professionals to support teaching.
 - Insufficient staffing for student services
- Hold all employees accountable: High-functioning busy employees get piled on with more work, while lower functioning employees are allowed to under function. Burns out strong employees.
- Invest in technological solutions to simplify bureaucracy (e.g., online forms).
- Faster hiring process. Open positions lead to burnout for those covering the workload.



Value and Respect All Employees Regardless of Job Classification (n=18)

- Frequent mentions of specifically **classified professionals** not being heard or valued. (12 of 18)
- Also mentions of the need for **part-time faculty** to be valued. (5 of 18)
- Chabot's strong emphasis on job titles, classifications, and hierarchy can be an obstacle to all employees getting heard.
- Some distrust that all information is being shared with classified professionals.
- Suggestion for listening sessions and anonymous feedback forms.

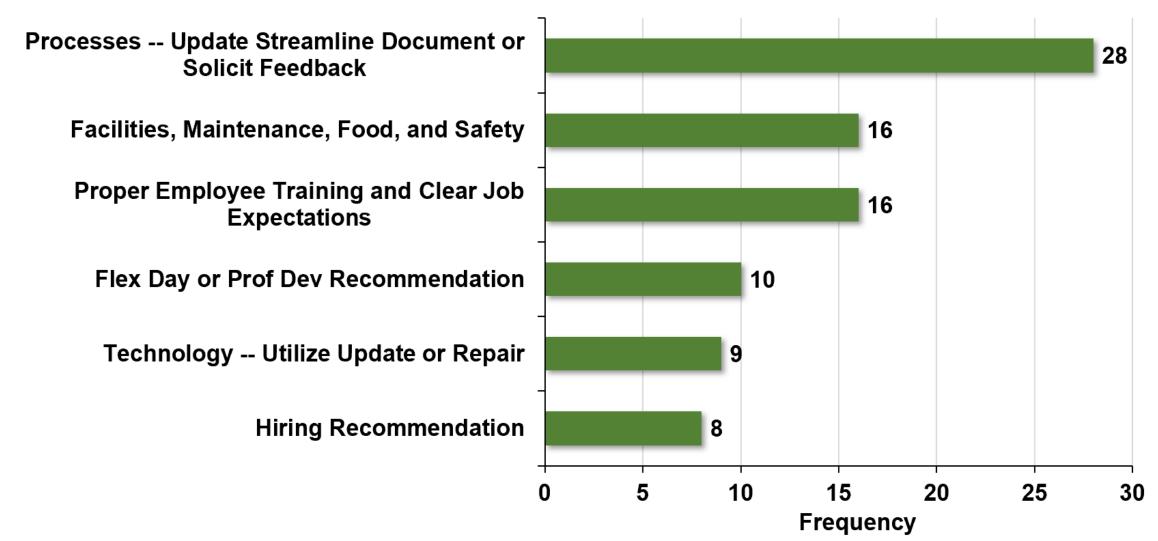


Equal Support/Respect for All (across programs, language, race/ethnicity, gender) (n=15)

- Sentiments that some programs, disciplines, racial/ethnic groups, genders receive more support than others.
- Utilize the equity scorecard.
- All employee classifications should feel equally valued.
- Trainings on unconscious bias.



Broad Theme 2: Institutional Process Recommendations (n=87)



Processes: Update, Streamline, Document and Solicit Feedback (n=28)

- Systems/processes are out-of-date/cumbersome/inefficient.
 - E.g., hiring, paying non-employees, getting reimbursed, archaic paper forms, Classweb interface, concurrent enrollment, etc.
- Recommendation to solicit feedback on technology and operating systems from the people who use them on regular basis → so issues can be addressed.
- <u>Written</u> handbook/guidelines easily accessible for procedures (what are the procedures, technology how to, instructions for forms, etc.).
- Need to develop process for making changes:
 - Develop reasonable timelines with those closest to the work
 - If adding task, discuss what task can be taken away or made more efficient



Proper Employee Training and Clear Job Expectations (n=16)

- Thrown into the work without clear training, structure, or job expectations.
- Onboarding process unclear:
 - Have at least <u>two</u> district employee trainings per year run by district
- Had to start position without equipment, office space, etc.
- Recommend that periodic assessments of employee workloads are conducted to ensure work is distributed evenly.



Facilities, Maintenance, Food & Safety (n=16)

- Widely varied category:
 - Requests for cleaner buildings or more well-kept grounds/outdoor spaces (n=6)
 - Requests for specific facilities for programs/areas (n=6)



Professional Development or Flex Day Recommendation (n=10)

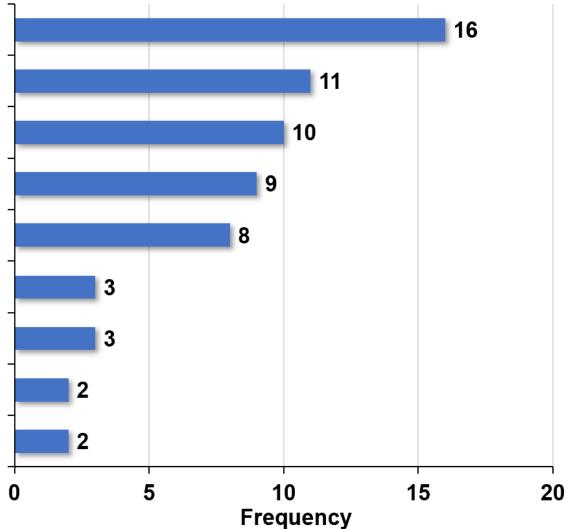
- Make the professional development process transparent.
- Flex day ideas:
 - Flex day at start of semester!
 - Use Flex day to collaborate about big changes (e.g., compressed calendar, CCNs, etc.)
- Provide release time for faculty and classified professionals to strategize to develop creative solutions to academic and campus issues.



Broad Theme 3: Specific Recommendations to Administrators (n=64)

Transparency in Decision Making Improve Top Down Structure/Make Less Hierarchical Involve Employees - Esp. Those Closest to the Work in Decision-Making Process Hold Employees Accountable for Not Fulfulling Job Responsibilities Trainings for Administrators -- Diversity, HR, or Other Address Fraud Enrollments and Make Clear What is **Being Done** Give Stated Priorities Infastructure to Meet Goals **Be Present and Authentic**

Improve High Turnover Rate for Admin or Managers



Transparency in Decision-Making (n=16)

- Explain the "whys" of specific decisions. Survey respondents indicated a desire to understand.
- If executive decision not in alignment with shared governance recommendation, then clearly explain why.
- Transparency from direct supervisor (mentioned from several perspectives --President, Deans, manager, etc.)
- Transparency in *funding* decisions
- Transparency particularly in regard to explaining decisions to classified professionals.
- Transparency in whether there is room for democratic input if there is a clear decision for the health of the institution, then just communicate that and why.



Improve Top-Down Structure/Make Less Hierarchical (n=11)

- The top-down administrative structure discourages employee input.
- Desire to be able to approach leadership directly, concerns with the new directive to go through the "chain of command."
- Instead of managers saying/thinking "<u>my</u> team/department," try "<u>our</u> team" and valuing teamwork and collaboration.
- Some people were uncomfortable with use of titles (e.g., Dean, President, Dr.)→belief this creates unnecessary hierarchy.
- Avoid being so "top-down heavy."



Involve Employees – Particularly Those Closest to the Work – in Decision-Making Processes (n=10)

- Sometimes decisions are made at higher levels without sufficient input from those who are directly impacted.
- The people who do the work on a daily basis will have great ideas.
- Include all employees, regardless of title and job classification, in decisionmaking.
- Listening sessions and anonymous feedback forms could help leadership gather input from all levels.
- Eight of ten comments made by classified professionals (remaining two did not specify job classification)



Hold Employees Accountable for Not Fulfilling Job Responsibilities (n=9)

- Employees who contribute to a hostile work environment or bully others need to be held accountable.
- Employees who do not do their work responsibilities need to be held accountable (e.g., Deans who don't listen, Faculty who do not do committee work, Classified who do not answer emails, etc.).
- Managers should address unsatisfactory behavior directly.



Trainings for Administrators – Diversity, HR, or Other (n=8)

- Recommendation for practical training for administrators to deconstruct biases.
 - Note: BIPOC community has biases to deconstruct too.
- Trainings for managers to understand: their roles, effective leadership, facilitation, how to address workplace bullying, hiring guidelines, etc.



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What's next?

• Celebrate the positive themes.

- An overwhelming number of respondents appreciated the people with whom they work at Chabot
- An overwhelming number of respondents love serving students
- Many respondents appreciate colleagues' commitment to serving students.
- Many respondents appreciate a sense of belonging and home.
- Learn from the constructive feedback.
 - Too many ideas such that it would be possible to address everything!
 - What is most important to address:
 - From the perspective of faculty?
 - From the perspective of classified professionals?
 - From the perspective of administrators and/or senior leadership?
- Full survey questions will be posted on ORPIE website; link sent to campus
- Further survey analysis: Coming Fall 2025.

