

RESEARCH DESIGN

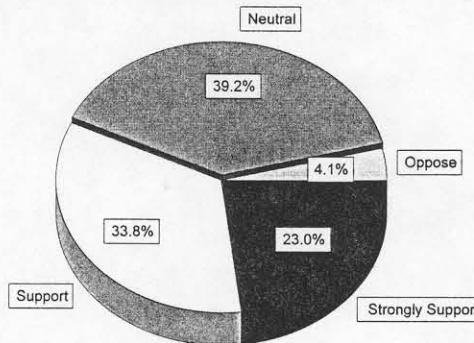
The 11 item (scaled and comment) evaluation instrument was drafted by David Cleveland (Assessment Researcher), Cynthia Smith (Accreditation Liaison Officer), Chris Ann Moore (FSEC Chair), and Kyle Higa (SSEC Chair).

All faculty and staff were then urged to complete the online or hard copy evaluation - yielding 74 PC faculty/staff respondents.

FINDINGS

MAJORITY SUPPORT EXISTENCE OF PC

SUPPORT PLANNING COUNCIL? (N = 74)



THE MORE THEY KNOW ABOUT PC, THE GREATER THE SUPPORT FOR THE PC

While faculty appear to be more supportive of the PC than staff, the real factor driving level of support is “informed level on issues addressed by the PC.” When one controls for the “informed level,” one finds that “informed” staff are just as supportive as “informed” faculty; however, fewer staff members are “informed.”

Figure 19: STRENGTH OF SUPPORT OF COUNCIL BY "INFORMED LEVEL ON ISSUES ADDRESSED"

	Overall	How informed have you been about ISSUES Council is addressing?			
		Not at all	Somewhat	Well	Very Well
Overall, how strong is your support for the existence of the Council?					
Strongly Opposed	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Opposed	4.1%	10.0%	5.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Neutral	39.2%	80.0%	51.3%	7.7%	0.0%
Support	33.8%	10.0%	28.2%	53.8%	50.0%
Strongly Support	23.0%	0.0%	15.4%	38.5%	50.0%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

OTHER KEY FINDINGS

<i>Keep informed by reading E-mail/Minutes?</i>	26%	Always	63%	Sometimes	11%	Never				
<i>Degree to which PC composition represents campus?</i>	19%	Very Well	51%	Well	23%	Somewhat	6%	Not at All		
<i>Know your PC representative?</i>	51%	Yes	19%	I think so	30%	No				
<i>Understand feedback process?</i>	27%	Yes	28%	Somewhat	45%	No				
<i>Receive information in a timely manner?</i>	6%	Always	35%	Usually	21%	Sometimes	19%	U. Not	20%	Never

CONCLUSION: HCC faculty/staff are cautiously supportive of the PC, but many remain quite uninformed about its composition, procedures, issues, and actions. The more they know, they more they support. Improved communication is highly recommended.