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Cal Poly Releases Executive Summary Outlining Results of Campus Climate Survey

Full report and public forums on Oct. 16 will detail effort to gauge experiences of campus constituents

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The vast majority of the Cal Poly students, faculty and staff reports being comfortable in the university's campus climate, and 85 percent of students are pleased with their academic experience. But more than 20 percent of the Cal Poly community has experienced some form of exclusionary treatment on campus.

These are highlights from the executive summary on Cal Poly's Campus Climate Survey, performed in winter 2013. The university released the summary today in advance of a full survey report being released Oct. 16, following two open-forum discussions on campus.

The survey garnered responses from more than 6,000 students and faculty and staff members — nearly 30 percent of the campus community. The purpose was to gather baseline data about the demographics and daily experiences of campus constituents and learn about their perceptions of the degree to which Cal Poly's policies, practices, and professional relationships foster a culture of inclusivity, equity, and mutual respect.

The survey results will indicate in greater detail what is working well — and will also highlight where progress can be made. The results will inform administrators' decisions about actions Cal Poly can take to further enhance a positive, enriching and respectful climate in which students, faculty and staff can thrive.

Following the two open forums on Oct. 16, the university will hold a series of focus group discussions and workshops in November at which campus constituents can work together to develop possible courses of action to enhance areas of campus climate success and address areas of concern. During winter quarter Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong will communicate to the campus the key areas of focus that emerge from the focus groups and workshops.

Cal Poly's leadership is committed to supporting efforts that ensure every student, faculty member and staff member has a voice and a role in shaping the campus climate. The survey report and the concrete actions that will follow are a key way in which Cal Poly engages in excellence through continuous improvement.

The survey executive summary is available on the university's Campus Climate Survey website: <http://campusclimate.calpoly.edu>.

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