ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SURVEY OVERVIEW

Survey Goals:

- 1. To provide the campus community with an opportunity to give input on their satisfaction and dissatisfaction with administrative services provided in support of Stanford's mission.
- 2. To understand what is working well and why.
- 3. To identify areas for improved user experience and increased efficiency
- 4. To serve as the basis for action plans that support continuous improvement.

Survey Scope: The survey covered a variety of administrative areas, including human resources, research administration, purchasing, expense reimbursement, invoice payment and travel services.

Survey Date: October 20 – November 9, 2009.

Respondents: The survey was targeted to the primary users of Stanford's administrative services: 1,868 Stanford University faculty and 10,263 Stanford staff. Employees at SLAC and Hoover Institution and members of the campus bargaining units were not included.

Response Rates (Overall): 20% of the faculty and 30% of the staff responded to the survey.

	#	Response
Unit	Rsp.	Rate
Public Affairs	29	59%
Business Affairs	417	53%
Alumni Association	55	50%
Office of Development	113	45%
Human Resources	40	45%
Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs	83	38%
Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education	3	38%
Stanford Management Company	21	34%
School of Education	59	34%
Graduate School of Business	159	34%
School of Earth Sciences	44	31%
SULAIR	161	30%
Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education	48	28%
School of Humanities and Sciences	394	27%
Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Research	157	27%
School of Medicine	1,103	26%
School of Engineering	181	25%
School of Law	61	25%
Hoover Institution	46	25%
Land Buildings and Real Estate	103	23%
Office of the General Counsel	18	22%
Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation	44	17%
Residential and Dining Enterprises	53	10%
Other	102	38%
TOTAL	3,494	29%

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Note: The responses in the following report are broken down between faculty and staff whenever relevant. When fewer than 50 faculty members responded, and their responses represented less than 10% of the total, only the total response is shown.

I. Research Administration: General

1. Rate your satisfaction with the research administration process from proposal submission through closeout.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	15%	10%	11%
4	24%	30%	28%
3	32%	42%	40%
2	20%	13%	15%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	8%	5%	5%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.18	3.27	3.26
Total Responses	176	706	882

	School of Medicine	School of Engineering	Other
5 (Very Satisfied)	13%	5%	11%
4	30%	16%	29%
3	36%	47%	44%
2	16%	22%	11%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	5%	10%	5%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.29	2.85	3.31
Total Responses	475	79	328

2. Tell us the area of the research administration process that needs the most improvement.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
Submitting Proposals	45%	22%	29%
Managing Grants	31%	22%	25%
Setting up Awards	14%	24%	21%
Setting up Sub-Awards	8%	13%	12%
Other	2%	19%	14%
Total Responses	51	127	178

	School of Medicine	School of Engineering	Other
Submitting Proposals	29%	31%	26%
Managing Grants	22%	23%	32%
Setting up Awards	20%	35%	16%
Setting up Sub-Awards	13%	4%	14%
Other	17%	8%	12%
Total Responses	102	26	50

II. Research Administration: Submitting Sponsored Research Proposals

3. Rate your satisfaction with the process for submitting a proposal.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	16%	14%	14%
4	32%	37%	35%
3	29%	31%	30%
2	13%	13%	13%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	10%	6%	7%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.30	3.39	3.37
Total Responses	90	232	322
	RMG	ERA	OSR
	submits	submits	submits
5 (Very Satisfied)	submits	submits	submits
	submits proposals	submits proposals	submits proposals
(Very Satisfied)	submits proposals 11%	submits proposals 4%	submits proposals 8%
(Very Satisfied) 4	submits proposals 11% 26%	submits proposals 4% 21%	submits proposals 8% 29%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3	submits proposals 11% 26% 34%	submits proposals 4% 21% 43%	submits proposals 8% 29% 37%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3 2 1	submits proposals 11% 26% 34% 22%	submits proposals 4% 21% 43% 21%	submits proposals 8% 29% 37% 20%

4. Rate your satisfaction with the knowledge and helpfulness of the organization you use to submit proposals (RMG, ERA, or OSR)?

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	15%	19%	18%
4	33%	35%	34%
3	27%	27%	27%
2	18%	15%	16%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	8%	3%	4%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.28	3.52	3.45
Total Responses	89	230	319
	RMG	ERA	OSR
	submits	submits	submits
	submits proposals	submits proposals	submits proposals
5 (Very Satisfied)			
	proposals	proposals	proposals
(Very Satisfied)	proposals 21%	proposals	proposals 15%
(Very Satisfied) 4	proposals 21% 33%	proposals 14% 36%	proposals 15% 36%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3	21% 33% 25%	14% 36% 43%	15% 36% 27%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3 2 1 (Very Dissatisfied)	21% 33% 25% 14%	14% 36% 43% 7%	15% 36% 27% 20%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3 2 1	21% 33% 25% 14%	14% 36% 43% 7%	15% 36% 27% 20%

5. Rate your satisfaction with the status updates you received throughout the proposal submission process from your sponsored research officer.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	16%	15%	15%
4	22%	26%	25%
3	33%	27%	29%
2	22%	22%	22%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	7%	10%	9%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.18	3.15	3.16
Total Responses	89	230	319
	RMG	ERA	OSR
	111110	LIVA	0311
	submits	submits	submits
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5 (Very Satisfied)	submits	submits	submits
	submits proposals	submits proposals	submits proposals
(Very Satisfied)	submits proposals	submits proposals 14%	submits proposals 11%
(Very Satisfied) 4	submits proposals 19% 21%	submits proposals 14% 29%	submits proposals 11% 29%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3	submits proposals 19% 21% 30%	submits proposals 14% 29% 25%	submits proposals 11% 29% 27%
(Very Satisfied) 4 3 2 1	submits proposals 19% 21% 30% 22%	submits proposals 14% 29% 25% 25%	submits proposals 11% 29% 27% 22%

6. Rate your overall satisfaction with the proposal submission process to grants.gov through eSubmit.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	11%	11%	11%
4	36%	42%	40%
3	42%	30%	33%
2	11%	13%	12%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	0%	4%	3%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.47	3.44	3.45
Total Responses	53	124	177

7. Rate your satisfaction with the Proposal Routing Sheet (Form SU-42) to obtain required approvals.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	14%	12%	12%
4	37%	27%	30%
3	24%	39%	35%
2	18%	15%	16%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	7%	7%	7%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.34	3.21	3.25
Total Responses	90	231	321

III. Research Administration: Setting Up Sponsored Research Awards

8. Rate your satisfaction with the status updates that you received throughout the award negotiation process from your contract and grant officer.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	20%	9%	13%
4	13%	24%	20%
3	33%	39%	37%
2	23%	19%	20%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	10%	9%	10%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.10	3.06	3.07
Total Responses	30	54	84

9. Rate your satisfaction with the speed with which your award(s) were negotiated.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	20%	7%	12%
4	13%	24%	20%
3	27%	24%	25%
2	17%	26%	23%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	23%	19%	20%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	2.90	2.76	2.81
Total Responses	30	54	84

IV. Research Administration: Grant Management

10. Rate the extent to which you find the following tools useful for managing grant or project spending:

	Facu	Faculty		Staff		Total	
	Commitment Management System (CMS)	Faculty Financial Tool (FFIT)	Commitment Management System (CMS)	Faculty Financial Tool (FFIT)	Commitment Management System (CMS)	Faculty Financial Tool (FFIT)	
5 (Always)	3%	10%	8%	16%	6%	14%	
4	8%	8%	14%	12%	12%	11%	
3	3%	3%	23%	11%	18%	9%	
2	13%	10%	12%	4%	12%	6%	
1 (Rarely)	74%	69%	44%	56%	52%	60%	
Total Responses	39	39	118	89	157	128	

11. To what extent do expenditure statements provide you with the information you need to:

		Faculty			Staff			Total		
	4-5	3	1-2	4-5	3	1-2	4-5	3	1-2	#
	(Always)		(Rarely)	(Always)		(Rarely)	(Always)		(Rarely)	Rsp.
Understand project spending	45%	21%	34%	65%	21%	14%	59%	21%	20%	336
Identify errors	34%	20%	47%	68%	15%	17%	59%	16%	25%	328
Reconcile expenditures	36%	21%	43%	69%	20%	11%	60%	20%	20%	330
Manage your project	35%	26%	39%	57%	24%	19%	50%	24%	25%	327
Manage allocation of staff time	34%	23%	43%	47%	22%	31%	43%	22%	35%	310

12. Rate your satisfaction with expenditure statements.

		Faculty			Staff			Total		
	4-5	3	1-2	4-5	3	1-2	4-5	3	1-2	#
	(Always)		(Rarely)	(Always)		(Rarely)	(Always)		(Rarely)	Rsp.
Organization and format	30%	27%	43%	47%	35%	18%	42%	33%	25%	354
Accuracy	48%	35%	17%	63%	28%	9%	59%	30%	11%	353
Timeliness of delivery	42%	33%	25%	39%	27%	34%	40%	29%	32%	353

V. Research Administration: Website

13. Rate the ease of navigating the ORA website.

	Total
5 (Very Easy)	10%
4	36%
3	42%
2	10%
1 (Difficult)	2%
Avg. Score	3.42
Total Responses	649

14. Rate the ease of finding the tools and information you were looking for on the ORA website.

	Total
5 (Very Easy)	9%
4	34%
3	43%
2	12%
1 (Difficult)	2%
Avg. Score	3.35
Total Responses	649

VI. Purchasing: General

15. Rate your overall satisfaction with the purchasing and contracts process at Stanford.

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	11%
4	36%
3	36%
2	14%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	3%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.37

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Total Responses 1,163

16. Tell us the area that needs the most improvement in the purchasing process.

	Total
Quicker processing time	38%
Clarity and application of policies	20%
Better customer support	18%
Better order follow-up	9%
More competitive prices	2%
Other	14%

Total Responses 199

VII. <u>Purchasing: Online Catalogue Ordering</u>

17. Rate your overall satisfaction with SmartMart.

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	10%
4	38%
3	36%
2	12%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	4%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.38

Avg. Satisfaction Score 3.38

Total Responses 766

18. Rate the ease of finding the items that you were looking for in the SmartMart catalogue.

	Total
5 (Very Easy)	12%
4	28%
3	35%
2	18%
1 (Difficult)	6%
Avg. Score	3.22
Total Responses	766

19. How often is your order correct?

	Total
5 (Always)	46%
4	40%
3	11%
2	2%
1 (Rarely)	1%
Avg. Score	4.30
Total Responses	766

20. How often is your invoice correct?

	Total
5 (Always)	46%
4	36%
3	11%
2	3%
1 (Rarely)	4%
Avg. Score	4.15
Total Responses	766

VIII. <u>Purchasing: Rapid Purchase Order</u>

21. Rate your overall satisfaction with the RPO process.

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	26%
4	41%
3	23%
2	8%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	2%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.80
Total Responses	761

IX. Purchasing: Standard Requisition

22. Rate your satisfaction with the process for submitting a Standard Requisition.

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	17%
4	39%
3	31%
2	9%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	4%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.57
Total Responses	781

23. Are you satisfied with the turnaround time by the Purchasing Department of Standard Requisitions?

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	10%
4	28%
3	34%
2	24%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	5%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.13
Total Responses	778

24. Rate your satisfaction with the Purchasing Department buyers' communications with you.

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	17%
4	30%
3	29%
2	20%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	4%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.35
Total Responses	778

25. Why were communications not satisfactory?

	Total
Communication not timely	42%
Unable to determine who to contact	23%
Communication not clear	15%
Buyer not knowledgeable	8%
Other	12%

Total Responses 186

26. How frequently do Purchasing Department buyers provide useful information on the following attributes:

	4-5	3	1-2	Avg.	#
	(Frequently)		(Rarely)	Score	Rsp.
Price	39%	25%	36%	2.95	527
Quality	32%	27%	41%	2.72	502
Brand	32%	28%	40%	2.78	505
Suppliers	40%	24%	36%	2.97	523
Terms	37%	28%	35%	2.94	530

27. Rate the ease of tracking your order in iProcurement.

	Total
5 (Very Easy)	21%
4	33%
3	29%
2	12%
1 (Difficult)	5%
Avg. Score	3.54
Total Responses	775

X. <u>Invoice Payments</u>

28. Rate your satisfaction with the processing time for payment of your invoices.

	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	6%
4	31%
3	37%
2	22%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	5%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.09
Total Responses	590

XI. <u>Expense Reports and Reimbursements</u>

29. Rate your satisfaction with the process of submitting an expense report/reimbursement request using iOU.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	16%	23%	22%
4	32%	40%	39%
3	25%	26%	26%
2	16%	8%	8%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	12%	3%	4%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.23	3.70	3.68
Total Responses	57	1,098	1,155

30. What makes submitting an expense report/reimbursement request using iOU difficult?

	Faculty	Staff	Total
iOU isn't intuitive	13%	26%	25%
Difficult to track the status of my requests	40%	15%	18%
Faxing backup documentation is too much trouble	7%	12%	12%
Email notification doesn't make sense	7%	8%	8%
Avaialble training wasn't adequate	7%	6%	6%
Other	27%	33%	32%
Total Responses	15	123	138

31. Rate your satisfaction with the time it takes to receive your payment after your expense report/reimbursement request is approved.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	20%	16%	16%
4	29%	37%	36%
3	29%	31%	31%
2	13%	14%	14%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	11%	3%	3%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.34	3.50	3.50
Total Responses	56	1,091	1,147

XII. <u>Travel Services</u>

32. Stanford has arrangements with several travel agencies. Please rate your satisfaction with these agencies.

	Orbitz	Summit	Carlton
	Travel	Travel Group	Wagonlit
5 (Very Satisfied)	20%	27%	22%
4	38%	18%	24%
3	34%	30%	33%
2	6%	17%	14%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	2%	9%	7%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.68	3.36	3.38
Total Responses	455	120	134

33. Tell us why you haven't used one of these travel services.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
I can make travel arrangements more easily on own	48%	36%	39%
I didn't know about them	39%	33%	34%
I can get cheaper rates on my own	11%	18%	16%
Poor customer service at travel agencies	1%	1%	1%
Other	0%	13%	10%
Total Responses	205	694	899

XIII. Gateway to Financial Activities

34. Indicate the usefulness of the Gateway to Financial Activities website.

	4-5 (Useful)	3	1-2 (Not Useful)	Avg. Score	# Rsp.
Overviews	61%	29%	10%	3.69	1,335
Step-by-step instructions (i.e. Quick Steps)	69%	22%	9%	3.87	1,334
Policy notes	57%	31%	12%	3.64	1,254
Resources & job aids	62%	28%	10%	3.75	1,278
Training and information	52%	34%	14%	3.51	1,239
Bulletins	45%	34%	22%	3.31	1,076
Ease of navigation	56%	32%	12%	3.55	1,540

35. If you don't use the Gateway to Financial Activities website, tell us why.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
Don't need to use the site as part of my job	25%	56%	50%
Didn't know it existed	69%	33%	40%
Prefer to use the Admin Guide	1%	2%	2%
Too much information on site	0%	1%	1%
Prefer to call for information	1%	1%	1%
Couldn't find what I needed	1%	1%	1%
Perfer to email for information	1%	0%	1%
Not enough information on site	1%	0%	0%
Other	3%	5%	5%
Total Responses	357	1,618	1,975

XIV. Help Desk

36. When you need computer desktop support or have other questions about information technology or communications, and you need to reach a Help Desk at Stanford, which method of contact would you prefer?

	Faculty	Staff	Total
Submit a HelpSU help desk ticket	43%	62%	60%
Phone call	37%	26%	28%
Email	20%	12%	12%
Total Responses	337	2,940	3,277

37. How long from the time you submit a HelpSU ticket does it typically take for someone to contact you about your question or problem?

	Faculty	Staff	Total
1 day	60%	58%	58%
2 days	26%	23%	23%
3-4 days	4%	6%	6%
5-6 days	1%	1%	1%
7+ days	0%	1%	1%
Inconsistent response time	8%	12%	11%
Total Responses	312	2,863	3,175

38. How often was your question answered or problem resolved by the first person to contact you after submission of your HelpSU ticket?

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Always)	23%	25%	25%
4	47%	41%	42%
3	17%	23%	22%
2	9%	9%	9%
1 (Rarely)	4%	3%	3%
Avg. Score	3.77	3.78	3.78
Total Responses	315	2,873	3,188

XV. <u>Human Resources: Services</u>

39. When you need help with a human resources-related issue, rate your satisfaction with the timeliness of the help you receive.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	40%	35%	35%
4	30%	39%	38%
3	20%	20%	20%
2	8%	5%	5%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	3%	2%	2%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	3.96	4.00	3.99
Total Responses	273	2,527	2,800

40. Rate your satisfaction with the quality of the advice and service provided by the person who helped you.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
5 (Very Satisfied)	41%	36%	37%
4	32%	37%	37%
3	17%	19%	18%
2	7%	6%	6%
1 (Very Dissatisfied)	3%	2%	2%
Avg. Satisfaction Score	4.02	4.01	4.01
Total Responses	273	2,527	2,800

41. Rate your satisfaction with Human Resources' assistance in the following:

				Avg.	
	4-5	3	1-2	Satisfaction	#
	(Satisfied)		(Dissatisfied)	Score	Rsp.
Recruiting	50%	27%	24%	3.32	822
Job classifications	47%	27%	26%	3.27	994
Performance appraisal	49%	29%	22%	3.35	1,009
Employee development	37%	32%	31%	3.08	923
Policy assistance	59%	23%	18%	3.59	1,072
Conflict resolution	54%	21%	26%	3.38	762

XVI. <u>Human Resources: Website and Other Online Tools</u>

42. The following are some self-service tools available to you online. Rate your satisfaction with each of the tools:

				Avg.	
	4-5	3	1-2	Satisfaction	#
	(Satisfied)		(Dissatisfied)	Score	Rsp.
Accessing online benefits enrollment & information	70%	19%	11%	3.89	3,403
Viewing online pay stub	95%	4%	1%	4.66	3,415
Updating W-4	87%	10%	3%	4.42	2,721
Viewing or ordering W-2	84%	11%	4%	4.34	2,539
Hiring temporary employees online through Stanford Temps	49%	34%	17%	3.48	464
Using Trovix Recruitment Manager	49%	30%	21%	3.36	891
Updating directory information on Stanford You	86%	11%	3%	4.37	3,340

43. Rate your satisfaction with Stanford's online training and registration and tracking system (STARS).

				Avg.	
	4-5 (Satisfied)	3	1-2 (Dissatisfied)	Satisfaction Score	# Rsp.
General satisfaction	58%	27%	15%	3.62	2,961
Finding training	51%	32%	18%	3.46	2,961
Registering for training	62%	25%	13%	3.71	2,961
Finding confirmation of training completion	62%	25%	13%	3.73	2,961

XVII. <u>Human Resources: Staff Recruiting</u>

44. Indicate the staff recruiting services you have used and rate their usefulness.

	4-5 (Useful)	3	1-2 (Not Useful)	Avg. Score	# Rsp.
Developing search strategies	37%	32%	31%	3.03	186
Screening resumes	46%	23%	31%	3.15	213
Checking references	45%	25%	29%	3.24	161
Advertising your job	52%	27%	21%	3.41	234
Interviewing candidates	45%	25%	31%	3.17	150

45. Why do you not use staff recruiting services?

	Faculty	Staff	Total
Didn't need any help	65%	62%	63%
Didn't know about the services	17%	17%	17%
Too expensive	1%	2%	2%
Other	17%	19%	18%
Total Responses	327	870	1,197

XVIII. Stanford's Administrative Guide

46. Does the Administrative Guide Memo, Stanford's manual of administrative policy, provide clear and concise information on Stanford's policies?

Total Responses	86	2,001	2,087
No	14%	15%	15%
Yes	86%	85%	85%
	Faculty	Starr	Iotai

47. If you don't use the Administrative Guide Memo, tell us why.

	Faculty	Staff	Total
Didn't know the Administrative Guide existed	42%	28%	31%
Didn't think my question was covered in the Administrative Guide	17%	22%	21%
Too hard to find	5%	12%	11%
Not clearly written	1%	3%	2%
Out of date	1%	1%	1%
Other	34%	35%	35%
Total Responses	287	1,119	1,406