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Appendix C: Survey Instrument

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the collaborative on academic careers in higher education TENURE-TRACK FACULTY JOB SATISFACTION SURVEY

I. Demographic Background

These first items gather basic demographic information about you.

1. Are you employed full-time in a tenure-track position?
○ Yes
○ No
2. Please provide the FULL name of the institution where you are employed.
3. What is the highest degree you have earned?
Octorate (including J.D.)
○ Master's
○ Bachelor's
O Decline to answer
4. In what year did you earn your highest degree?
5. Did you hold a postdoctoral appointment?
○ Yes
○ No
○ Decline to answer

6a. Is this your first tenure-track appointment?
○ Yes
○ No
○ Decline to answer
6b. How many years on the tenure track did you complete elsewhere?
↑ 1 year or less
○ 2 years
○ 3 years
○ 5 or more years
○ Full tenure
O Decline to answer
6c. Did you leave that prior appointment voluntarily?
○ Yes
○ No
○ Decline to answer
6d. Did your current faculty appointment begin with credit for prior service elsewhere?
○ Yes
○ No
○ Decline to answer

6e. How many years of credit for prior service elsewhere did you receive?
↑ 1 year or less
○ 2 years
○ 3 years
○ 5 or more years
○ Full tenure
O Decline to answer
7. Please indicate the year in which your current faculty appointment began:
8. What is your rank?
○ Professor
Associate Professor
Assistant Professor
○ Instructor/Lecturer
O Decline to answer
9. Do you hold a joint appointment (formal responsibilities in more than one department)?
○ Yes
○ No
O Decline to answer
10. Name the department or departments in which you hold formal responsibilities.
☐ Decline to answer

11. What is your race/ethnicity? (Please check all that apply.)
American Indian/Native Alaskan
Asian/Pacific Islander
White, Non-Hispanic
☐ Black, Non-Hispanic
Hispanic
Other (Please specify):
☐ Decline to answer
12. What is your citizenship status?
○ U.S. citizen
○ Non-U.S. citizen
O Decline to answer
13. What is your gender?
○ Male
○ Female
O Decline to answer
14. In what year were you born?

15. What is your annual salary?
○ Less than \$30,000
○ \$30,000 to \$44,999
○ \$45,000 to \$59,999
○ \$60,000 to \$74,999
○ \$75,000 to \$89,999
○ \$90,000 or above
O Decline to answer
16a. How many children under the age of 18 live with you at home?
16b. How many other dependents (e.g., an adult who requires your care) live with you at home?
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 17. Which statement most clearly describes your household's employment situation? I do not have a spouse/partner. My spouse/partner is not employed.
17. Which statement most clearly describes your household's employment situation? O I do not have a spouse/partner. O My spouse/partner is not employed. O My spouse/partner is employed full-time at this institution.
 17. Which statement most clearly describes your household's employment situation? I do not have a spouse/partner. My spouse/partner is not employed. My spouse/partner is employed full-time at this institution. My spouse/partner is employed full-time elsewhere.
17. Which statement most clearly describes your household's employment situation? I do not have a spouse/partner. My spouse/partner is not employed. My spouse/partner is employed full-time at this institution. My spouse/partner is employed full-time elsewhere. My spouse/partner is employed part-time at this institution.

This set of items addresses	various as	spects su	rrounding te	nure in yo	ur departir	ient.
	Very clear	Fairly clear	Neither clear nor unclear	Fairly unclear	Very unclear	Decline to answer
19. I find the tenure <i>process</i> in my department to be	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. I find the tenure <i>criteria</i> (what things are evaluated) in my department to be	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. I find the tenure standards (the performance threshold) in my department to be	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. I find the <i>body of evidence</i> that will be considered in making my tenure decision to be	0	0	0	0	0	0
23. I feel that <i>my own prospects</i> for earning tenure are	0	0	0	0	0	0

18. Do you and your spouse/partner reside in separate communities for work reasons?

 \bigcirc No

○ Not applicable

O Decline to answer

24. Is what's expected in order to earn tenure <u>clear</u> to you regarding your performance as:

	Not applicable	Very clear	Fairly clear	Neither clear nor unclear	Fairly unclear	Very unclear	Decline to answer
a. a scholar (e.g., research and creative work)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. a teacher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. an advisor to students	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. a colleague in your department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. a campus citizen (e.g., service, committees)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. a member of the broader community (e.g. service, outreach)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

25. Is what's expected in order to earn tenure <u>reasonable</u> to you regarding your performance as:

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	Not applicable	Very reasonable	Somewhat reasonable	Neither reasonable nor unreasonable	Somewhat unreasonable	Very unreasonable	Decline to answer
a. a scholar (e.g., research and creative work)	0	0	O	0	0	О	0
b. a teacher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. an advisor to students	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. a colleague in your department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. a campus citizen (e.g., service, committees)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. a member of the broader community (e.g. service, outreach)	0	0	0	О	0	0	0

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

26. I have received mixed messages about the requirements for tenure fr	rom senior colleagues.
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Not applicable/ I don't know	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Decline to answer
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

27a. From what I can gather, tenure decisions here are based primarily on performance rather than on politics, relationships or demographics.

Not applicable/ I don't know	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Decline to answer
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

27b. On what are tenure decisions in you	department primarily based?
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□ Decline to answer

III. The Nature of Your Work

The next set of items explores your day-to-day activities as a faculty member.

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:

	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer
28. The way you spend your time as a faculty member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29a. The level of the courses you teach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29b. The number of courses you teach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29c. The degree of influence you have over which courses you teach	0	0	0	0	0	0	О
29d. The discretion you have over the content of the courses you teach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29e. The number of students you teach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29f. The quality of undergraduate students with whom you interact	0	О	0	0	0	0	0
29g. The quality of graduate students with whom you interact	0	О	0	0	0	0	О
30a. What's expected of you as a researcher	0	О	0	0	0	0	0
30b. The amount of time you have to conduct research	0	0	О	0	0	0	О

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:

	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer
30c. The amount of research funding you are expected to find	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30d. The influence you have over the focus of your research	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. The quality of facilities (i.e., office, labs, classrooms)	0	0	0	О	0	0	O
32. The amount of access you have to Teaching Fellows, Graduate Assistants, et al.	0	О	0	0	0	О	0

33. How satisfied are you with the quality of these support services?

	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer
a. Clerical/ administrative services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Research services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Teaching services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. Computing services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

IV. Policies and Practices

34a. Regardless of whether the following policies and practices currently apply to your institution, please rate <u>how important you think each would be to your success</u>. For each item, please mark the appropriate column.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neither important nor unimportant	Somewhat unimportant	Very unimportant	Decline to answer
Formal mentoring program for junior faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal mentoring	0	0	0	0	0	0
Periodic, formal performance reviews for junior faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Written summary of periodic performance reviews forjunior faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional assistance in obtaining externally funded grants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional assistance for improving teaching	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel funds to present papers or conduct research.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paid or unpaid research leave during the probationary period	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paid or unpaid personal leave during the probationary period	0	0	0	0	0	0
An upper limit on committee assignments for tenure-track faculty	0	0	0	0	0	0
An upper limit on teaching obligations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peer reviews of teaching and research	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childcare	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial assistance with housing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stop-the-clock for parental or other family reasons	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spousal/partner hiring program	0	0	0	0	0	0

34b. How <u>effective for you</u> have been the following at your institution? For each item, please mark the appropriate column.

Neither Very Somewhat Somewhat Very Decline to effective nor Not applicable effective effective ineffective ineffective answer ineffective Formal mentoring program for junior 0 0 0 0 0 0 faculty Informal mentoring 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Periodic, formal performance 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 reviews for junior faculty Written summary of periodic performance \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc 0 0 0 \bigcirc reviews forjunior faculty Professional assistance in 0 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc 0 obtaining externally funded grants Professional assistance for 0 \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc 0 0 improving teaching Travel funds to present papers or 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 conduct research. Paid or unpaid research leave 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 during the probationary period Paid or unpaid personal leave 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc 0 during the probationary period An upper limit on committee 0 0 0 0 0 0 \bigcirc assignments for tenure-track faculty An upper limit on teaching \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc 0 \bigcirc 0 0 obligations Peer reviews of teaching and 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 research

34b. (continued) How <u>effective for you</u> have been the following at your institution? For each item, please mark the appropriate column.

	Not applicable	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Neither effective nor ineffective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Decline to answer
Childcare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial assistance with housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stop-the-clock for parental or other family reasons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spousal/partner hiring program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Not applicable/ I don't know	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Decline to answer
35a. My institution does what it can to make having children and the tenure-track compatible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35b. My institution does what it can to make raising children and the tenure-track compatible.	0	0	0	О	0	0	0
35c. My departmental colleagues do what they can to make having children and the tenure- track compatible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35d. My departmental colleagues do what they can to make raising children and the tenure-track compatible.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

36. How	36. How satisfied are you with your compensation (that is, your salary and benefits)?											
	Not applicable/ I don't know	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer					
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37. How satisfied are you with the balance between professional time and personal orfamily time?

Not applicable/ I don't know	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

V. Climate, Culture and Collegiality

This set of questions addresses the climate, culture and collegiality of your workplace. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:

	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer
38a. Your immediate supervisor is evaluating your work fairly	0	O	0	0	0	0	0
38b. The interest senior faculty take in your professional development	0	О	0	0	0	0	0
38c. Your opportunities to collaborate with senior faculty	0	0	О	0	0	0	0
39a. The amount of professional interaction you have with senior colleagues in your department.	0	О	0	0	0	0	0
39b. The amount of personal interaction you have with senior colleagues in your department.	0	0	О	0	О	0	0

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:

	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer
39c. The amount of professional interaction you have with junior colleagues in your department.	0	0	O	0	О	0	0
39d. The amount of personal interaction you have with junior colleagues in your department.	0	0	О	0	О	0	0
40. How well you "fit" (e.g., your senseof belonging, your comfort level) inyour department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41. The intellectual vitality of the senior colleagues in your department	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Not applicable/ I don't know	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Decline to answer
42a. There is a feeling of unity and cohesion among the faculty in my department.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42b.There is a feeling of unity and cohesion among the faculty in my School.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43. On the whole, my department treats junior faculty fairly compared to one another.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VI. Global Satisfaction

Finally, we ask you to make some overall assessments about your department and your institution as a place to work.

44a. Please check the two (and only two) <u>best aspects</u> about working at your institution, as opposed to a comparable institution.

Quality of colleagues	Presence of others like me.
Support of colleagues	My sense of "fit" here
Opportunities to collaborate with colleagues	Protection from service/assignments
Quality of graduate students	Commute
Quality of undergraduate students	Cost of living
Quality of facilities	Research requirements for tenure
Support for research (e.g. research leave)	Teaching load
Support for teaching	Tenure requirements in general
Support for professional development	Tenure criteria clarity
Assistance for grant proposals	Tenure process clarity
Childcare policies/practices	Manageable or no pressure to perform
Availability/quality of childcare facilities	Other (Please specify):
Spousal/partner hiring program	Other (Please specify):
Compensation	There are no positive aspects.
Geographic location	Decline to answer
Diversity	

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	Quality of colleagues					Absence of others like me				
	Support of colleagues					My lack of "fit" here				
	Opportunities	s to collaborat	te with collea	gues		Too much	Too much service / too many assignments			
	Quality of gra	aduate studen	ts			Commute				
	Quality of un	dergraduate s	students			Cost of living				
	Quality of fac	cilities				Research requirements for tenure				
	Lack of supp	ort for researd	ch			Teaching	load			
	Lack of supp	ort for teachir	ng			Tenure re	Tenure requirements in general			
	Lack of support for professional development					Tenure criteria clarity				
	Lack of assis	tance for grar	nt proposals			Tenure process clarity				
	Childcare po	licies/practice	s (or lack the	erof)		Unrelenting pressure to perform				
	Availability/qu	uality of childo	are facilities			Other (Please specify):				
	Spousal/partner hiring program (or lack thereof)					Other (Please specify):				
	Compensatio	n				There are no negative aspects.				
	Geographic location					Decline to answer				
	Lack of divers	sity								
45a. All 1	things consi	dered, how s	atisfied are	you with y	our	departme	nt as a place	to work?		
	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfie nor unsatisfie		Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer		
	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
45b. All	things consi	dered, how s	satisfied are	you with y	our/	institutior	as a place	to work?		
	Not applicable	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfie nor unsatisfie		Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Decline to answer		
	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
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46a. Who	serves as t	he chief aca	demic office	er at your ins	titution?			
O Pre	esident							
O Vic	ce President for Academic Affairs							
O Aca	rademic Dean							
O Pro	ovost							
Oth	Other (Please specify):							
○ I do	○ I don't know.							
O De	O Decline to answer							
Please in	ndicate your	level of agre	ement with	the following	g statement:			
	person who		he chief aca	demic office	r at my insti	tution seems	s to care abo	out the
quanty 0	Not applicable/ I don't know	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Decline to answer	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
47. Assu	ming you ac	chieve tenure	e, how long o	do you plan	to remain at	your institu	tion?	
O Foi	For the rest of my career							
O For	○ For the foreseeable future							
O Fo	○ For no more than 5 years after earning tenure (Why?)							
○ I ha	☐ I haven't thought that far ahead.							
○ Not applicable								
O Decline to answer								
Please ir	ndicate your	level of agre	eement with	the following	g statement:			
48. If I had to do it over again, I would accept my current position.								
	Not applicable/ I don't know	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Decline to answer	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	

	candidate for a tenure-track faculty position asked you about your department as a place to rould you:
O Stro	rongly recommend your department as a place to work
○ Red	ecommend your department with reservations
O Not	t recommend your department as a place to work
O Dec	ecline to answer
50. How	do you rate your institution as a place for junior faculty to work?
O Gr	reat
⊖ Go	ood
○ So	0-so
⊜ Ва	ad
O Aw	wful
O De	ecline to answer
Thank	k you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input is invaluable to our national understanding of faculty worklife as well as to your institution.