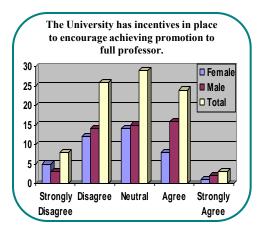


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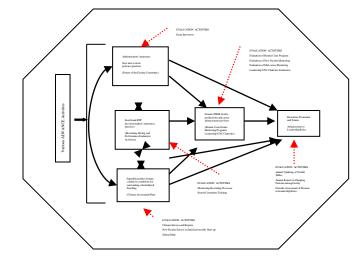
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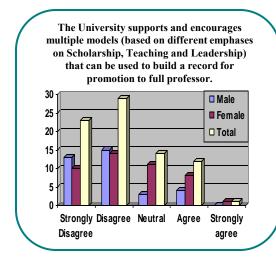
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Findings

- •Lack of perceived incentives for seeking promotion for both genders but more pronounced for women.
- •Widespread perception that the university embraces a single "pathway" for promotion to Full Professor-for both genders but more pronounced for women.
- •Widespread perception that the criteria for promotion are not clear for both genders but more pronounced for women.
- •Fewer than one third of men and women reported guidance on promotion from their Chairs.
- •More than half of women feel that promotion decisions are NOT influenced by gender, race, or other non-performance factors.
- •A large majority of men and women feel that having a mentor would be helpful in preparing for promotion.





Strongly Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Disagree Survey Findings

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chairperson about what I would need to

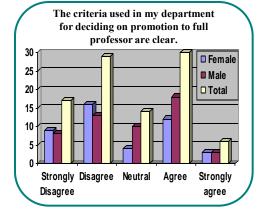
do to be promoted to full professor.

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- •54% planned to seek promotion within next 5 years
- •68% planned to seek promotion within next 10 years
- •13.5% would "never" seek promotion
- •19% were unsure of their plans

Implications of Findings

- •Mid-career mentoring
- •New initiatives begun Fall 2008
- •Policy changes to remove barriers
- •Clearer criteria and multiple pathways
- •Chair Training
- •Add feedback on "progress toward promotion" to all faculty evaluations
- •Better communication of existing incentives



Needs Assessment

- •Focus Groups for Women in STEM-Spring 2008
- •Identified barriers to promotion, needs of associates, and solutions for success
- •Reported on at 2008 PI meeting
- •Basis for Mid-career mentoring Initiative launched for STEM women Summer of 2008
- •Survey of ALL Associate Professor Faculty-Spring 2009
- •283 men and women in all disciplines

Survey of Associates

- •Purpose: assess perceptions of processes and expectations surrounding promotion to Full Professor
- •Completed surveys returned by 96 faculty
- •44 women & 52 men

