## Issues and trends in department climate experiences: Evidence from WISELI's department climate survey Prepared by Jessica Winchell May 2007 Revised June 2009

In fall 2003, WISELI began offering a workshop series *Climate Workshops for Department Chairs*. The workshops aimed to improve departmental climate through an intervention with department chairs. As an important part of this intervention, WISELI generally administers an electronic climate survey to faculty, staff, graduate students, and post-doctoral students/fellows in a participating department.<sup>\*</sup> Responses to this survey are presented to participating department chairs in the course of the workshop. Chairs then use the information gathered in this survey to identify strengths and weaknesses and to structure further actions to improve their department's climate.

To date, WISELI has administered an initial department climate survey to 39 UW-Madison departments. Among these, we re-administered the department climate survey to seven departments one to four times (Table 2). Not all department chairs choose to survey their entire department population. Some, for instance, choose to survey only faculty and staff. The different populations surveyed as well response rates for each department are reported in Table 1. This data suggests a notable conclusion:

• There appears to be an inverse relationship between a department's size and survey response rate: smaller departments tended to have higher rates of response to the climate survey while larger departments tended to have lower rates of response.

Comparing overall climate ratings across the different surveyed groups (Table 3), one can note that a majority of all groups reported positive perceptions of their department's climate. Faculty, academic staff, and classified staff tended to report similar average ratings of department climate. This is in contrast to graduate students and post-docs/fellows, who reported similar ratings that were somewhat more positive than those reported by faculty and staff. Despite the overall positive picture, a significant minority (10-15%) of faculty and staff rated their department's overall climate as *very negative* or *negative*. This suggests the following conclusions:

- Faculty and staff tend to report more negative perceptions of department climate than graduate students and post-docs/fellows.
- While a majority of faculty and staff report a positive overall department climate, a significant minority reports a negative overall department climate.

Examining the distribution of faculty and staff responses to individual items from the department climate survey (Tables 4-6) highlights particular issues that may contribute to the negative department climate some faculty and staff report. In particular, the following issues emerge as common to faculty and staff:

- A significant minority, about 20%, of faculty and staff report feeling under-appreciated for their work in the department.
- A proportion of faculty and staff report that they do not have the resources they need to be productive in their jobs. More faculty (about 20%) than staff (about 10%) reported this issue.
- Only about half of faculty and staff indicate that they trust the individuals who make decisions that will affect them.
- Some faculty and staff report that they do not have any agency in departmental decision-making. Such perceptions appear to be more widespread among staff (about one-third) than faculty (less than one-quarter).
- A large minority of faculty and staff report a lack of feedback on their job performance and a lack of support for professional development. This issue appears to be a larger problem for academic staff than for faculty or classified staff.
- Some faculty and staff feel isolated in their departments. Between 15 and 25% of faculty and staff report feeling isolated despite others being around.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> Instructors and adjunct faculty are some times included in the survey group and are treated as academic staff for the purposes of the analysis here.

• Roughly one-quarter of faculty and one-fifth of staff indicate that differences among people are not valued in their departments.

Many of the same issues identified for faculty and staff are also reported by graduate students and postdoctoral students (post-docs) or fellows, though a smaller fraction report experiencing these issues as compared to faculty and staff. These differences might indicate either more positive perceptions or greater reluctance to report negative experiences. Overall, graduate student (Table 8) and post-doc and fellow (Table 7) survey responses suggest the following common themes:

- A few graduate students (about 15%) and post-docs and fellows (about 5%) report feeling that their work is unappreciated in the department.
- Many graduate students and post-docs and fellows indicate that they are unable to affect departmental decision-making and that they feel unsafe voicing their opinion in front of others in the department.
- About one-third of graduates students and one-quarter of post-docs and fellows report that they have not had a through performance review in the past year. A similar proportion of post-docs and fellows indicate that no one in their department supports their professional development.
- Approximately 20% of graduate students and post-docs and fellows indicate that they feel isolated in their departments.
- Overall, graduate students tended to report more negative perceptions of department climate than post-docs and fellows.

The data gathered from past department climate surveys highlights some common issues that department chairs may seek to address in an effort to build a more positive department climate. These may be indicative of the types of issues *Workshop* facilitators are likely to encounter in future sessions. It also suggests general trends among different groups within departments and response rates, either of which may be useful in considering the deployment of future department climate surveys.

$Department^{\dagger}$	Division	Survey Group	Survey Date	Survey Population	Survey Responses	Response Rate
Department 1	Physical Sciences	Faculty & Staff	E-11	17	12	71%
Department 2	Biological	All	- Fall - 2003	59	29	49%
Department 3	Sciences	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students	2003	n/a	39	n/a
Department 4	Biological Sciences	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students		$60^{\ddagger}$	41	68% <sup>‡</sup>
Department 5	Social Studies	All	Spring	45	24	53%
Department 6	Physical	All	2004	414	124	30%
Department 7	Sciences	Faculty & Staff	_	88	61	69%
Department 8	Biological Sciences	Faculty & Staff		16	9	56%
Department 9	Biological Sciences	Faculty & Staff		85	27	32%
Department10	Physical Sciences	Faculty, Staff & Instructors/Adjuncts		45	34	76%
Department 11		Faculty & Staff	Fall	$650^{\ddagger}$	204	31% <sup>‡</sup>
Department 12		All	2004	188	92	49%
Department 13	Biological	All	-	171	104	61%
Department 14	Sciences	Faculty & Staff & Instructors/Adjuncts		25	15	60%
Department 15		All		n/a	59	n/a
Department 16		Faculty & Staff		62	35	56%
Department 17	Physical	Faculty & Staff	_	19	13	68%
Department 18	Sciences	Faculty & Instructors/Adjuncts		42	24	57%
Department 19		Faculty, Staff & Instructors/Adjuncts	Spring 2005	92	56	61%
Department 20	Biological Sciences	Faculty, Staff & Instructors/Adjuncts	-	240	111	46%
Department 21		Faculty & Instructors/Adjuncts	_	25	12	48%
Department 22	Biological Sciences	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students		89	52	58%
Department 23	Physical Sciences	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students	Fall	290	112	39%
Department 24	Humanities	All	2005	180 <sup>‡</sup>	78	43% <sup>‡</sup>
Department 25	Physical	Faculty & Staff		49	22	45%
Department 26	Sciences	Faculty & Staff		22	12	55%
Department 27	Physical	None		-	-	-
Department 28	Sciences	All	Fall	86	61	71%
Department 29	Humanities	Faculty & Graduate students	2007	36	26	72%
Department 30	Social Sciences	All	Spring 2008	65	36	55%

Table 1. Detailed summary of initial department climate survey populations and response rates for participating departments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Department names have been removed to protect the confidentiality of participating departments. <sup>‡</sup> Estimated survey population; response rate is approximate.

Department 31	Biological Sceinces	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students		n/a	14	n/a
Department 32	Social Sciences	Faculty		11	8	73%
Department 33	Biological	All		123	59	48%
Department 34	Sciences	Faculty & Staff	Fall	n/a	41	n/a
Department 35	Physical Sciences	All	2008	n/a	32	n/a
Department 36	Humanities	Faculty & Staff		36	18	50%
Department 37	Humannues	Faculty & Staff	-	21	15	71%
Department 38	Humanities	Faculty & Staff	Spring	26	13	50%
Department 39	Physical Sciences	All	2009	408	112	27%

Department	Re-survey number	Survey Group	Survey Date	Survey Population	Survey Responses	Response Rate
Department 3	1	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students	Fall 2008	70	37	53%
1		All	Spring 2005	n/a	56	n/a
Department 5	2	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students	Spring 2006	n/a	46	n/a
Department 5	3	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students	Spring 2007	n/a	46	n/a
	4	Faculty, Staff & Graduate students	Spring 2009	n/a	38	n/a
Department 6	1	All	Fall 2005	347	88	25%
Department 7	1	All	Spring 2006	82	53	65%
Department 14	1	Faculty & Staff	Fall 2005	25	17	68%
Dopartment 16	1	Faculty & Staff	Fall 2007	54	27	50%
Department 16 -	2	All	Spring 2009	n/a	78	n/a
Department 22	1	All	Spring 2008	90	54	60%

Table 2. Detailed summary of follow-up department climate survey populations and response rates for participating departments.

	-	Overall climate rating							
	N	Very negative	Negative	Mediocre	Positive	Very positive			
Faculty	574	3.1%	9.8%	21.4%	45.6%	20.0.%			
Academic staff	383	2.4%	9.7%	22.2%	51.2%	14.6%			
Classified staff	236	4.2%	11.0%	22.0%	46.6%	16.1%			
Graduate students	489	0.6%	4.3%	17.6%	58.5%	19.0%			
Post-docs/fellows	61	0.0%	1.6%	21.3%	52.5%	24.6%			
All <sup>**</sup>	1804	2.4%	8.3%	20.6%	50.4%	18.4%			

Table 3. Comparison of respondents' overall ratings of department climate.<sup>§</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>§</sup> Responses to the question: On a scale from one (very negative) to five (very positive), please rate the climate in your department.
<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes some respondents who were not classified as faculty, academic staff, classified staff, graduate

student, or post-doc/fellow.

	Level of agreement with climate statements							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree			
My department is a welcoming place to work.	2.0%	6.9%	14.5%	48.7%	27.9%			
I understand my role and responsibilities as a	0.40/	2.70/	0.40/	40.70/	26.90/			
member of the department.	0.4%	3.7%	9.4%	49.7%	36.8%			
I have the resources I need to be productive in my job.	3.6%	9.5%	17.6%	47.4%	21.9%			
I feel appreciated for the work I do in the department.	6.3%	12.1%	24.0%	38.2%	19.4%			
The Chair of the department or my supervisor respects my opinions and contributions.	3.6%	5.9%	15.7%	36.8%	38.0%			
Others in the department respect my opinions.	2.0%	6.8%	22.9%	49.4%	18.9%			
I trust the people who make decisions that affect me.	6.0%	13.3%	25.0%	39.5%	16.2%			
I am able to influence the decisions that are made in the department.	9.0%	21.4%	34.9%	25.6%	9.1%			
The Chair of the department appropriately consults or delegates decisions to a group or committee.	3.2%	7.1%	37.5%	33.5%	18.7%			
I feel safe voicing my feelings in front of others.	6.6%	13.0%	23.0%	39.7%	17.7%			
My work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	0.9%	1.6%	10.7%	49.5%	37.3%			
Others recognize how my work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	3.5%	11.1%	24.3%	45.2%	16.0%			
I am happy with the professional relationships I've formed with others in the department.	2.8%	7.2%	17.4%	47.6%	25.1%			
I have had a thorough performance review in the last year.	15.8%	19.5%	24.7%	24.6%	15.5%			
There is somebody in the department who promotes my professional development.	11.5%	16.2%	23.4%	29.7%	19.2%			
Resources and other benefits are allocated fairly within the department.	8.1%	14.7%	33.2%	32.0%	12.0%			
Even though other people are around, I feel isolated.	26.6%	33.0%	17.5%	16.8%	6.2%			
My work is commensurate with my training and experience.	1.5%	5.9%	14.1%	51.6%	26.9%			
I have the same level of responsibility and recognition as those whom I consider my peers.	3.8%	12.4%	20.3%	44.7%	18.8%			
I experience subtle or overt forms of harassment or discrimination due to my gender, race or other personal attributes	57.7%	22.2%	10.9%	6.2%	2.9%			
I feel reasonably accommodated when personal and professional responsibilities are in conflict.	2.4%	7.1%	24.2%	43.6%	22.7%			
I am aware of places or people to go to if I am faced with a problem or issue in the department.	3.8%	11.3%	18.6%	46.7%	19.6%			
Differences among people are valued in the department.	5.1%	11.9%	30.9%	38.5%	13.6%			

Table 4. Distribution of responses (n=1,826) to departmental climate statements, includes **all** survey respondents.

	Level	of agreemer	t with clin	nate state	ments
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
My department is a welcoming place to work.	2.3%	8.4%	16.5%	42.1%	30.8%
I understand my role and responsibilities as a	0.5%	4.2%	9.2%	42.3%	43.8%
member of the department.	0.570	4.270	7.270	42.370	43.070
I have the resources I need to be productive in my job.	4.9%	14.3%	23.7%	38.7%	18.3%
I feel appreciated for the work I do in the department.	9.1%	11.5%	22.7%	36.7%	20.1%
The Chair of the department or my supervisor respects my opinions and contributions.	4.5%	6.6%	11.0%	35.7%	42.2%
Others in the department respect my opinions.	2.5%	8.6%	20.3%	46.3%	22.4%
I trust the people who make decisions that affect me.	7.1%	16.3%	23.5%	37.2%	15.9%
I am able to influence the decisions that are made in the department.	6.1%	13.6%	29.1%	34.6%	16.6%
The Chair of the department appropriately consults or delegates decisions to a group or committee.	4.2%	8.2%	18.5%	39.5%	29.6%
I feel safe voicing my feelings in front of others.	7.5%	10.8%	17.5%	39.2%	25.0%
My work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	0.9%	1.2%	7.5%	43.9%	46.5%
Others recognize how my work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	4.8%	11.9%	19.5%	44.3%	19.7%
I am happy with the professional relationships I've formed with others in the department.	2.8%	8.7%	17.1%	43.7%	27.7%
I have had a thorough performance review in the last year.	14.0%	17.8%	21.1%	27.6%	19.6%
There is somebody in the department who promotes my professional development.	14.9%	19.0%	22.3%	26.6%	17.2%
Resources and other benefits are allocated fairly within the department.	11.2%	13.7%	29.1%	33.6%	12.4%
Even though other people are around, I feel isolated.	30.4%	29.6%	15.6%	17.7%	6.7%
My work is commensurate with my training and experience.	0.4%	2.3%	8.7%	43.5%	45.2%
I have the same level of responsibility and recognition as those whom I consider my peers.	3.5%	11.1%	15.2%	43.9%	26.3%
I experience subtle or overt forms of harassment or discrimination due to my gender, race or other personal attributes	61.9%	19.1%	9.3%	6.6%	3.2%
I feel reasonably accommodated when personal and professional responsibilities are in conflict.	1.6%	8.0%	25.6%	40.3%	24.6%
I am aware of places or people to go to if I am faced with a problem or issue in the department.	4.6%	10.7%	20.0%	41.6%	23.2%
Differences among people are valued in the department.	7.5%	14.2%	25.7%	37.3%	15.2%

Table 5. Distribution of **faculty** responses (n=575) to departmental climate statements, for faculty in participating departments.

	Level of agreement with climate statements							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree			
My department is a welcoming place to work.	1.5%	7.9%	14.1%	51.2%	25.3%			
I understand my role and responsibilities as a	0.3%	4.4%	10.2%	48.1%	37.1%			
member of the department.	0.070		10.270		0,11,0			
I have the resources I need to be productive in my job.	3.6%	9.7%	15.1%	52.2%	19.4%			
I feel appreciated for the work I do in the department.	5.9%	16.3%	18.6%	41.6%	17.6%			
The Chair of the department or my supervisor respects my opinions and contributions.	3.1%	6.9%	16.2%	36.9%	36.9%			
Others in the department respect my opinions.	2.6%	7.5%	23.1%	48.7%	18.1%			
I trust the people who make decisions that affect me.	5.9%	15.1%	25.1%	37.9%	16.1%			
I am able to influence the decisions that are made in the department.	12.5%	22.6%	35.6%	22.6%	6.8%			
The Chair of the department appropriately consults or delegates decisions to a group or committee.	2.7%	8.7%	42.2%	34.3%	12.2%			
I feel safe voicing my feelings in front of others.	6.5%	17.1%	21.5%	39.3%	15.8%			
My work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	1.3%	1.6%	9.3%	49.6%	38.2%			
Others recognize how my work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	4.0%	14.2%	25.5%	41.3%	15.0%			
I am happy with the professional relationships I've formed with others in the department.	2.3%	8.8%	17.6%	47.8%	23.5%			
I have had a thorough performance review in the last year.	22.4%	19.3%	19.8%	22.2%	16.4%			
There is somebody in the department who promotes my professional development.	14.0%	22.6%	25.0%	22.6%	15.8%			
Resources and other benefits are allocated fairly within the department.	6.1%	19.5%	33.5%	31.1%	9.8%			
Even though other people are around, I feel isolated.	26.6%	31.6%	16.6%	19.2%	6.1%			
My work is commensurate with my training and experience.	2.7%	9.0%	13.5%	51.3%	23.5%			
I have the same level of responsibility and recognition as those whom I consider my peers.	5.0%	16.1%	23.0%	41.8%	14.0%			
I experience subtle or overt forms of harassment or discrimination due to my gender, race or other personal attributes	61.0%	21.3%	8.2%	5.9%	3.6%			
I feel reasonably accommodated when personal and professional responsibilities are in conflict.	2.1%	5.7%	19.1%	48.3%	24.8%			
I am aware of places or people to go to if I am faced with a problem or issue in the department.	3.4%	9.3%	20.9%	51.0%	15.5%			
Differences among people are valued in the department.	3.4%	12.3%	34.1%	37.8%	12.3%			

Table 6. Distribution of **academic staff** responses (n=392) to departmental climate statements, for academic staff in participating departments.

	Level of agreement with climate statements							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree			
My department is a welcoming place to work.	2.9%	7.1%	14.6%	47.5%	27.9%			
I understand my role and responsibilities as a	0.8%	3.8%	4.2%	54.2%	37.1%			
member of the department.	0.070	5.070	7.270	54.270	57.170			
I have the resources I need to be productive in my job.	4.2%	6.7%	15.0%	50.8%	23.3%			
I feel appreciated for the work I do in the department.	5.4%	16.7%	22.9%	28.3%	26.7%			
The Chair of the department or my supervisor respects my opinions and contributions.	3.8%	8.8%	22.9%	32.9%	31.7%			
Others in the department respect my opinions.	2.1%	7.2%	22.8%	50.6%	17.3%			
I trust the people who make decisions that affect me.	7.9%	12.1%	30.4%	32.9%	16.7%			
I am able to influence the decisions that are made in the department.	11.4%	21.2%	36.4%	23.7%	7.2%			
The Chair of the department appropriately consults or delegates decisions to a group or committee.	4.7%	9.0%	42.3%	28.2%	15.8%			
I feel safe voicing my feelings in front of others.	10.9%	14.3%	25.6%	35.7%	13.5%			
My work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	0.0%	1.3%	10.6%	49.0%	39.2%			
Others recognize how my work contributes to the mission or purpose of my department.	2.5%	11.8%	21.0%	45.0%	19.8%			
I am happy with the professional relationships I've formed with others in the department.	2.1%	5.0%	20.2%	46.2%	26.5%			
I have had a thorough performance review in the last year.	14.6%	17.2%	21.0%	28.3%	18.9%			
There is somebody in the department who promotes my professional development.	14.5%	15.8%	32.5%	22.2%	15.0%			
Resources and other benefits are allocated fairly within the department.	10.0%	17.5%	33.3%	29.2%	10.0%			
Even though other people are around, I feel isolated.	29.4%	32.8%	20.4%	11.5%	6.0%			
My work is commensurate with my training and experience.	3.0%	11.9%	23.4%	47.7%	14.0%			
I have the same level of responsibility and recognition as those whom I consider my peers.	4.2%	16.9%	30.4%	35.9%	12.7%			
I experience subtle or overt forms of harassment or discrimination due to my gender, race or other personal attributes	50.2%	26.4%	17.0%	4.7%	1.7%			
I feel reasonably accommodated when personal and professional responsibilities are in conflict.	2.1%	9.4%	19.6%	44.7%	24.3%			
I am aware of places or people to go to if I am faced with a problem or issue in the department.	2.5%	13.0%	12.6%	47.3%	24.7%			
Differences among people are valued in the department.	7.6%	13.9%	33.3%	31.2%	13.9%			

Table 7. Distribution of **classified staff** responses (n=240) to departmental climate statements, for classified staff in participating departments.

	Level of agreement with climate statements							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree			
My department is a welcoming place to work.	1.2%	4.6%	12.5%	56.0%	25.7%			
I understand my role and responsibilities as a	0.2%	2.80/	10.90/	57.4%	29.70/			
member of the department.	0.2%	2.8%	10.8%	37.4%	28.7%			
I have the resources I need to be productive in	2.2%	5.8%	14.7%	50.8%	26.5%			
my job.	2.270	5.870	14.770	30.870	20.3%			
I feel appreciated for the work I do in the	3.4%	8.3%	30.2%	42.3%	15.9%			
department.	5.470	0.570	30.270	42.370	13.970			
The Chair of the department or my supervisor	2.6%	3.5%	16.7%	41.3%	36.0%			
respects my opinions and contributions.								
Others in the department respect my opinions.	1.0%	4.8%	25.2%	53.4%	15.8%			
I trust the people who make decisions that affect	4.1%	9.9%	24.1%	46.4%	15.6%			
me.	4.170	).)/0	24.170	+0.+70	15.070			
I am able to influence the decisions that are	9.4%	28.7%	39.2%	19.3%	3.5%			
made in the department.	J. <del>4</del> /0	20.770	57.270	17.570	5.570			
The Chair of the department appropriately								
consults or delegates decisions to a group or	1.7%	3.7%	53.8%	29.0%	11.8%			
committee.								
I feel safe voicing my feelings in front of others.	4.2%	12.9%	28.5%	41.4%	13.1%			
My work contributes to the mission or purpose	1.2%	1.6%	15.3%	56.4%	25.5%			
of my department.	1.270	1.070	15.570	50.470	23.370			
Others recognize how my work contributes to	2.4%	8.3%	30.7%	48.0%	10.6%			
the mission or purpose of my department.	2.470	0.370	50.770	+0.070	10.070			
I am happy with the professional relationships	3.2%	6.0%	15.9%	52.7%	22.1%			
I've formed with others in the department.	5.270	0.070	10.770	52.170	22.170			
I have had a thorough performance review in the	13.9%	23.5%	34.1%	20.6%	8.0%			
last year.	15.970	23.370	51.170	20.070	0.070			
There is somebody in the department who	4.4%	7.7%	18.6%	43.5%	25.7%			
promotes my professional development.	1.170		10.070	15.570	23.170			
Resources and other benefits are allocated fairly	5.4%	11.6%	37.1%	32.4%	13.6%			
within the department.								
Even though other people are around, I feel	20.1%	36.9%	19.5%	17.0%	6.5%			
isolated.								
My work is commensurate with my training and	1.5%	4.2%	17.3%	62.0%	15.0%			
experience.								
I have the same level of responsibility and	3.1%	10.5%	18.7%	52.6%	15.1%			
recognition as those whom I consider my peers.								
I experience subtle or overt forms of harassment	<b>51</b> 00/	27.10/	11 10/	7 50/	2.00/			
or discrimination due to my gender, race or other	51.0%	27.1%	11.1%	7.5%	3.2%			
personal attributes								
I feel reasonably accommodated when personal	3.3%	7.0%	28.1%	43.7%	18.0%			
and professional responsibilities are in conflict.								
I am aware of places or people to go to if I am	3.9%	13.2%	18.2%	48.8%	16.0%			
faced with a problem or issue in the department.								
Differences among people are valued in the	3.1%	9.2%	32.7%	43.7%	11.4%			
department.								

Table 8. Distribution of **graduate student** responses (n=498) to departmental climate statements, for graduate students in participating departments.

	Level of agreement with climate statements							
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree			
My department is a welcoming place to work.	1.6%	1.6%	12.9%	45.2%	38.7%			
I understand my role and responsibilities as a	0.00/	1.60/	1450/	45 20/	20.70/			
member of the department.	0.0%	1.6%	14.5%	45.2%	38.7%			
I have the resources I need to be productive in	0.0%	6.5%	9.7%	53.2%	30.7%			
my job.								
I feel appreciated for the work I do in the department.	0.0%	4.9%	31.2%	42.6%	21.3%			
The Chair of the department or my supervisor	1 60/	1.60/	17 70/	25.5%	10 (0)			
respects my opinions and contributions.	1.6%	1.6%	17.7%	35.5%	43.6%			
Others in the department respect my opinions.	0.0%	1.6%	27.4%	43.6%	27.4%			
I trust the people who make decisions that affect	1 (0)							
me.	1.6%	4.8%	25.8%	45.2%	22.6%			
I am able to influence the decisions that are made in the department.	0.0%	27.4%	41.9%	24.2%	6.5%			
The Chair of the department appropriately								
consults or delegates decisions to a group or	0.0%	5.2%	51.7%	25.9%	17.2%			
committee.	0.070	5.270	51.770	23.770	17.270			
I feel safe voicing my feelings in front of others.	1.7%	5.0%	28.3%	50.0%	15.0%			
My work contributes to the mission or purpose								
of my department.	0.0%	3.3%	16.7%	51.7%	28.3%			
Others recognize how my work contributes to	0.0%	4.9%	27.9%	50.8%	16.4%			
the mission or purpose of my department.	0.0%	4.9%	21.9%	30.8%	10.4%			
I am happy with the professional relationships	1.6%	1.6%	23.0%	42.6%	31.2%			
I've formed with others in the department.	1.070	1.070	23.070	42.070	51.270			
I have had a thorough performance review in the	5.4%	19.6%	30.4%	25.0%	19.6%			
last year.	5.470	17.070	50.470	25.070	17.070			
There is somebody in the department who	5.1%	13.6%	18.6%	33.9%	28.8%			
promotes my professional development.	5.170	13.070	10.070	55.770	20.070			
Resources and other benefits are allocated fairly	0.0%	5.1%	45.8%	33.9%	15.3%			
within the department.	0.070	5.170	10.070	55.770	10.070			
Even though other people are around, I feel	19.0%	46.6%	13.8%	17.2%	3.5%			
isolated.	171070	101070	101070	17.270	01070			
My work is commensurate with my training and	0.0%	1.7%	13.3%	66.7%	18.3%			
experience.								
I have the same level of responsibility and	0.0%	1.7%	20.7%	44.8%	32.8%			
recognition as those whom I consider my peers.								
I experience subtle or overt forms of harassment	72.204	11 70/	10.00/	5.00/	0.00/			
or discrimination due to my gender, race or other	73.3%	11.7%	10.0%	5.0%	0.0%			
personal attributes								
I feel reasonably accommodated when personal	0.0%	1.7%	35.0%	50.0%	13.3%			
and professional responsibilities are in conflict.								
I am aware of places or people to go to if I am faced with a problem or issue in the department.	0.0%	12.9%	22.6%	51.6%	12.9%			
Differences among people are valued in the								
Differences among people are valued in the	1.6%	4.9%	31.2%	44.3%	18.0%			

Table 9. Distribution of **post-doctoral student and fellow** responses (n=62) to departmental climate statements, for post-doctoral students and fellows in participating departments.