Return to Face-to-Face Campus for Fall 2021 Semester

Student Government Association Responses
Survey Description

• Student Government Association (SGA) members were asked to complete a survey that encompassed a student perspective on current campus responses to the ongoing pandemic, as well as a student perspective on an anticipated return to face-to-face campus life.

• The survey consisted of 10 questions with varying response types ranging from multiple choice to short answer.

• The survey recorded a total of 33 student responses.
Question 1: 33 Responses

Are you currently taking courses entirely face-to-face, entirely online, or a hybrid combination of the two?

Hybrid Combination: 72.7%
Entirely Face-to-Face: 24.2%
Entirely Online: 3%
Question 2: 28 Responses

Have you experienced any special or unforeseen challenges with virtual/digital learning? If yes, please briefly describe the issue below.

- Lower Quality of Education
- Wifi/Technological Issues
- No challenges
- Wifi/Technology Issues
- Lack of Interaction
- Overwhelming Workload
- Mid-Semester Switch to Online
Question 3: 33 Responses

WTAMU is currently anticipating more face-to-face interaction in the upcoming 2021 fall semester. Do you foresee any hurdles as we return to face-to-face interaction after a year of primarily virtual interaction? (If yes, please briefly describe the challenge.)

No: 75.75%
Yes: 24.25%
• Apathy about student attendance/work ethic
• Proper mask wearing
• Requiring students to live on campus after optional
Question 4: 10 Responses

If you answered yes to the previous question, do you have any potential solutions or suggestions about how to make the return to face-to-face interaction most effective?

- No suggestions – 4 responses
- Slow and gradual transition back to Face-to-Face interaction by using FA2021 as a “buffer semester” (ex. Increasing class sizes but not filling them)
- Gradually bring student activities/organizations out of an online format
- Return to face-to-face instruction, but continue enhancing OER and integration Zoom options where possible (i.e., SI sessions)
- Close the JBK dining (sitting) area for decreased risk of transmission
- Integrate Face-To-Face into the incoming freshmen NSOs
- Continue with the option of Hybrid as last resort
Question 5: 33 Responses

Do you think that students miss typical day-to-day interactions in all areas of campus life? (Classrooms, Dining, Residence Hall Programs, Sporting Events, OSEL events, etc.)

Yes (100%)  No
Question 6: 32 Responses

If WT were to continue with an online format, do you think there would be negative social implications due to the lack of in-person interaction?

- Yes (93.75%)
- No (6.25%)
Question 7: 19 Responses

For Student Employees: Have you had the option to work remotely?

- Yes (57.9%)
- No (42.1%)
Question 8: 9 Responses

For Student Employees: If you answered yes to the previous question, how has working remotely been from your perspective?
Question 9: 19 Responses

IF YOU ARE A STUDENT EMPLOYEE: Let’s assume that remote work is no longer generally offered (with the exception of special circumstances and permissions). Do you foresee any challenges in transitioning from remote work to face-to-face work? (If yes, please describe.)

No (94.7%)  Yes (5.3%)
Is there anything that SGA or WT Administration can do to better support all students? (If yes, please describe.)

- No, the WT and SGA are doing great – 18 Responses
- More in-person activities – 2 Responses
- Host graduation ceremonies – 4 Responses
- Continue to support student concerns
- Although we are transitioning out of F2F, continue to push for higher quality of online education.
- Remove the mask mandate
- Advertise and promote the mental health of students
- Students who go to student med are required to test for COVID-19 before anything else. This is unnecessary and will make students not want to use student med despite involuntarily paying for it.
- Continue to poll students for their perspective before making decisions