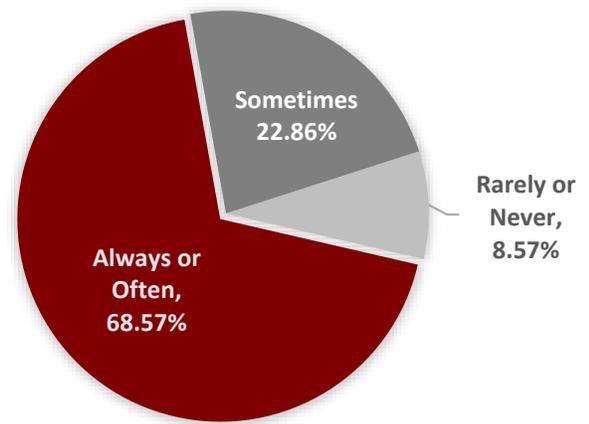


ALUMNI RELATIONS & UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

For the 2016 Employee Engagement Survey (EES) there were 36 respondents in 2016, which is the same number of respondents in 2014, who identified their department within Alumni Relations & University Communications. Within Alumni Relations & University Communication, the response average for statements 1-38 was 3.71, resulting in a 1.07% decrease in the overall response average from 2014. Of those who responded, 69.44% were administrative professionals and 30.56% were civil service.

As explained in the 2016 EES Results Report, responses were measured using a 5-option Likert scale with “Never” equaling 1 and “Always” equaling 5 to determine the frequency in which employees identified with the statements.

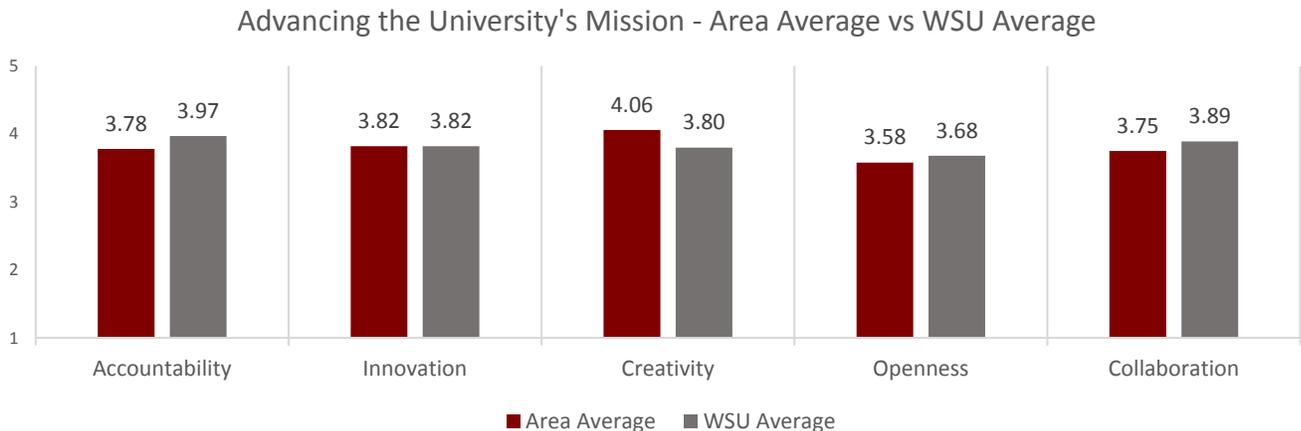
For the 2016 survey, 68.57% of respondents said they always or often enjoy being part of their department (statement 28). However, the overall satisfaction at work (statement 38) decreased from 3.83 in 2014 to 3.67 for 2016. A breakdown of response averages can be found at the end of this report on page 4.



ENJOY BEING PART OF THEIR DEPARTMENT

ADVANCING THE UNIVERSITY’S MISSION:

For 2016, the survey asked respondents to identify the extent to which their department approached advancement of the University’s mission, specifically as it related to the University goals of accountability, innovation, creativity, openness, and collaboration. This graph demonstrates the response average within Alumni Relations and University Communications compared to the overall WSU average:



HIGHEST 2016 AREA RESPONSE AVERAGE:

Statements	Area Average 2014	Area Average 2016	2016 WSU Average
I know what is expected of me at work.	4.33	4.25	4.37
My supervisor treats me with dignity and respect. **	-	4.14	4.29
I have the technology I need to do my job efficiently.	4.31	4.11	4.09

**Updated for 2016 ; **New for 2016*

LOWEST 2016 AREA RESPONSE AVERAGE:

Statements	Area Average 2014	Area Average 2016	2016 WSU Average
I am encouraged to develop myself professionally.	3.33	3.08	3.59
I know how my department measures success.	3.11	3.11	3.41
I feel appropriately compensated for my level of position. **	-	3.25	3.17
I am recognized for doing a good job.	3.50	3.29	3.50

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SIGNIFICANT AREA RESPONSE CHANGE (HIGHEST/LOWEST RESPONSE CHANGES):

Statements	Area Average 2014	Area Average 2016	Change
I receive clear information about changes being made within WSU.	3.11	3.42	+0.31
My supervisor values me and the work I do.	4.06	3.80	-0.26
I am encouraged to improve work processes to benefit students and other University constituents or colleagues.*	3.64	3.38	-0.26
I enjoy being part of my department.	4.06	3.74	-0.32
I am encouraged to provide input on decisions impacting my work.	3.78	3.36	-0.42

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UNIVERSITY RESOURCES:

Based on feedback, the 2016 survey added additional statements regarding workplace concerns and employee awareness of WSU resources, specifically those resources related to Workplace Violence, Bullying, State Ethics, Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct. This graph demonstrates the percentage of employees who identified awareness of the following University policies within Alumni Relations and University Communications:

Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct	100%
Workplace Violence	88.89%
Washington State University Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Technology Transfer	88.89%
Bullying Prevention and Reporting	80.56%

EMPLOYEE FEEDBACK:

At the end of the survey, employees were given the opportunity to provide feedback regarding subjects not addressed in the survey. The following feedback, specifically related to employee perceptions of the workplace, was provided by respondents who identified themselves within Alumni Relations and University Communications:

- Work climate has improved due to leadership
- Concerns regarding leadership, including supervisor skills
- Geographical disconnect between work units
- Workplace climate concerns, specifically regarding bullying and sexual harassment

ACTION ITEMS:

In reviewing the lowest area response averages and the statements with negative change from 2014 to 2016 in Alumni Relations and University Communications, initiatives to improve employee engagement and perceptions of the workplace may include, but are not limited to:

- Encourage communication with employees on how success is measured and provide ongoing feedback on how to improve performance
- Evaluate how input is solicited and taken into consideration
- Evaluate work climate and encourage employees to communicate concerns
- Identify positions with inappropriate compensation
- Improve the area's approach to the University's mission of openness
- Improve communication regarding the WSU policies concerning Bullying Prevention and Reporting, and provide employees with resources as appropriate
- Improve efforts to promote and encourage professional development of employees
- Provide employees with on-going feedback and recognition

RESPONSE AVERAGE BREAKDOWN:

	# of Respondents	Area Average		WSU Average	
		2014	2016	2014	2016
		Overall Average			
SECTION 1: Do employees feel they have what is needed to do their job?					
1	I know what is expected of me at work.	4.33	4.25	4.38	4.37
2	I receive the information I need to perform my job.	4.03	3.97	4.06	4.03
3	I have the resources and training to do my job effectively.*	4.03	3.89	3.99	4.00
4	I have the technology I need to do my job efficiently.	4.31	4.11	4.15	4.09
SECTION 2: Do employees feel they are valued?					
5	I am recognized for doing a good job.	3.50	3.29	3.41	3.50
6	My supervisor values me and the work I do.	4.06	3.80	3.84	3.93
7	I feel encouraged to have a good balance between work and personal life.	3.86	3.86	3.41	3.63
8	I feel appropriately compensated for my level of position. **	-	3.25	-	3.17
SECTION 3: Do employees feel they provide individual contributions?					
9	I am encouraged to develop myself professionally.	3.33	3.08	3.44	3.59
10	I am encouraged to provide input on decisions impacting my work.	3.78	3.36	3.54	3.64
11	I am encouraged to come up with better ways of doing things.	3.67	3.50	3.56	3.72
12	I am given opportunities to be innovative or creative. **	-	3.50	-	3.69
13	I am given opportunities to be collaborative. **	-	3.81	-	3.78
SECTION 4: Do employees feel connected to their co-workers?					
14	A spirit of cooperation and teamwork exists between my co-workers and me.	3.94	3.83	3.85	3.88
15	Knowledge and information sharing is practiced between my co-workers and me.	3.78	3.67	3.80	3.84
16	Those around me are committed to doing quality work.	4.11	4.08	4.12	4.10
17	I have positive interactions with my co-workers. **	-	4.08	-	4.19
18	I enjoy the work climate that exists between my co-workers and me. **	-	3.78	-	4.00
SECTION 5: Do employees feel satisfied with their supervisor? **					
19	My supervisor gives me ongoing feedback to help me improve my performance.*	3.33	3.31	3.29	3.45
20	My supervisor encourages a positive work climate. **	-	3.77	-	3.90
21	My supervisor promotes open communication and feedback. **	-	3.66	-	3.90
22	My supervisor treats me with dignity and respect. **	-	4.14	-	4.29
SECTION 6: Do employees feel connected to their department?					
23	Clear reporting structures are established within my department.	3.58	3.77	3.79	3.87
24	I receive clear information about changes being made within my department.	3.33	3.42	3.32	3.43
25	I know how my department measures success.	3.11	3.11	3.26	3.41
26	I know how my work contributes to the success of my department.	3.89	3.92	3.84	3.92
27	My department demonstrates support for a diverse workforce.	4.03	4.06	4.00	4.08
28	I enjoy being part of my department.	4.06	3.74	3.96	4.00
Rate the extent to which your department approaches the following to advance the University Mission: **					
29	Accountability	-	3.78	-	3.97
30	Innovation	-	3.82	-	3.82
31	Creativity	-	4.06	-	3.80
32	Openness	-	3.58	-	3.68
33	Collaboration	-	3.75	-	3.89
SECTION 7: Do employees feel connected to WSU as a whole?					
34	I am encouraged to improve work processes to benefit students and other University constituents or colleagues.*	3.64	3.38	3.71	3.70
35	I receive clear information about changes being made within my college or area.	3.28	3.36	3.18	3.29
36	I receive clear information about changes being made within WSU.	3.11	3.42	3.16	3.33
37	I enjoy being part of Washington State University.	3.86	4.06	4.07	4.08
38	Overall, I am satisfied at work.	3.83	3.67	3.84	3.86
EMPLOYEE RESOURCES: Are employees aware of WSU resources or do they have concerns in the workplace? **					
	I am comfortable with utilizing University resources. **	-	3.79	-	3.75
	My supervisor encourages me to use the University resources available to me. **	-	3.56	-	3.47
	I have concerns regarding work climate. **	-	3.40	-	3.54
	I feel comfortable bringing work climate concerns to my supervisor. **	-	3.66	-	3.77

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