Core Retreat Survey & Results

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SURVEY DESIGN

• What is your role in the SOM?
• Which groups do you identify yourself with?
• Frequency of core use/interaction?
• What’s working well?
• What’s not working?
• What topics do you most want to see addressed in a retreat?
SURVEY DESIGN:
What is working well?

Q: Do you agree/disagree with the following positive statements about the core facilities in the CWRU School of Medicine?
Positive Statements

**POSITIVES:**

Agree = working well

Disagree = *NOT* working well.

What suggestion(s) do you have to improve?
SURVEY DESIGN:
What needs improvement?

Q: Do you agree/disagree with the following negative statements about the core facilities in the CWRU School of Medicine?
Negative Statements

NEGATIVES:

Agree = NOT working well.
What suggestion(s) do you have to improve?

Disagree = Working well.

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Who answered the questionnaire?
SOM Role (n=345)

- Faculty: 46%
- Administrator: 15%
- Research Staff: 29%
- Other: 10%

[Pie chart showing the distribution of roles among those who answered the questionnaire.]

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[Logos of various centers related to medical research and education.]
What core facility-related issues would you most like to see addressed?

- **Billing**: 12 Core Personnel, 48 All remaining
- **Identification**: 17 Core Personnel, 65 All remaining
- **Visibility**: 26 Core Personnel, 103 All remaining
- **Investment**: 20 Core Personnel, 54 All remaining
- **Coordination**: 28 Core Personnel, 86 All remaining
- **Overlap**: 8 Core Personnel, 33 All remaining
- **Other**: 16 All remaining

Number of respondents (n=235)
Survey Responses: Major Themes

1. Create Centralized Core Infrastructure
2. Establish Core Advisory Committee
3. Provide Transparency
4. Establish Research Support Director
5. Increase University Investment
Major Theme 1
Create Centralized Core Infrastructure

• Provide up-to-date website
• Flexible infrastructure with common workflow
  • End user
  • Administration
• Identify complete list of cores
• Describe cores accurately include redundancies
Major Theme 2
Establish Core Advisory Committee

• Share best practices
• Communicate between cores
• Represent cores in policy planning
• Conduct periodic core reviews
• Review/recommend new core request
Major Theme 3
Provide Transparency

• Open access to all
• Establish fee structures
• “Show me the money!!!”
  • Where is support coming from?
  • Where is it going?
Major Theme 4
Establish Research Support Director

• Oversight for centralized infrastructure
• Reports to Core Advisory Committee
• Level playing field across core resources
  • Core to Core
  • Institution to Institution
• Group like cores with triage contact (e.g. histology)
Major Theme 5
Increase Investment in Cores

- Include cores on department/center grants
- Identify University investment plan
- Develop strategic plan for core
  - Financial
  - Sustainability
  - Future Growth
  - State of the Art Methodology