

# 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?**



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# 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?**



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# Positive Statements

## POSITIVES:

Agree = working well

Disagree = *NOT* working well.

What suggestion(s) do you have to improve?



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# 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?**



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# Negative Statements

## NEGATIVES:

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



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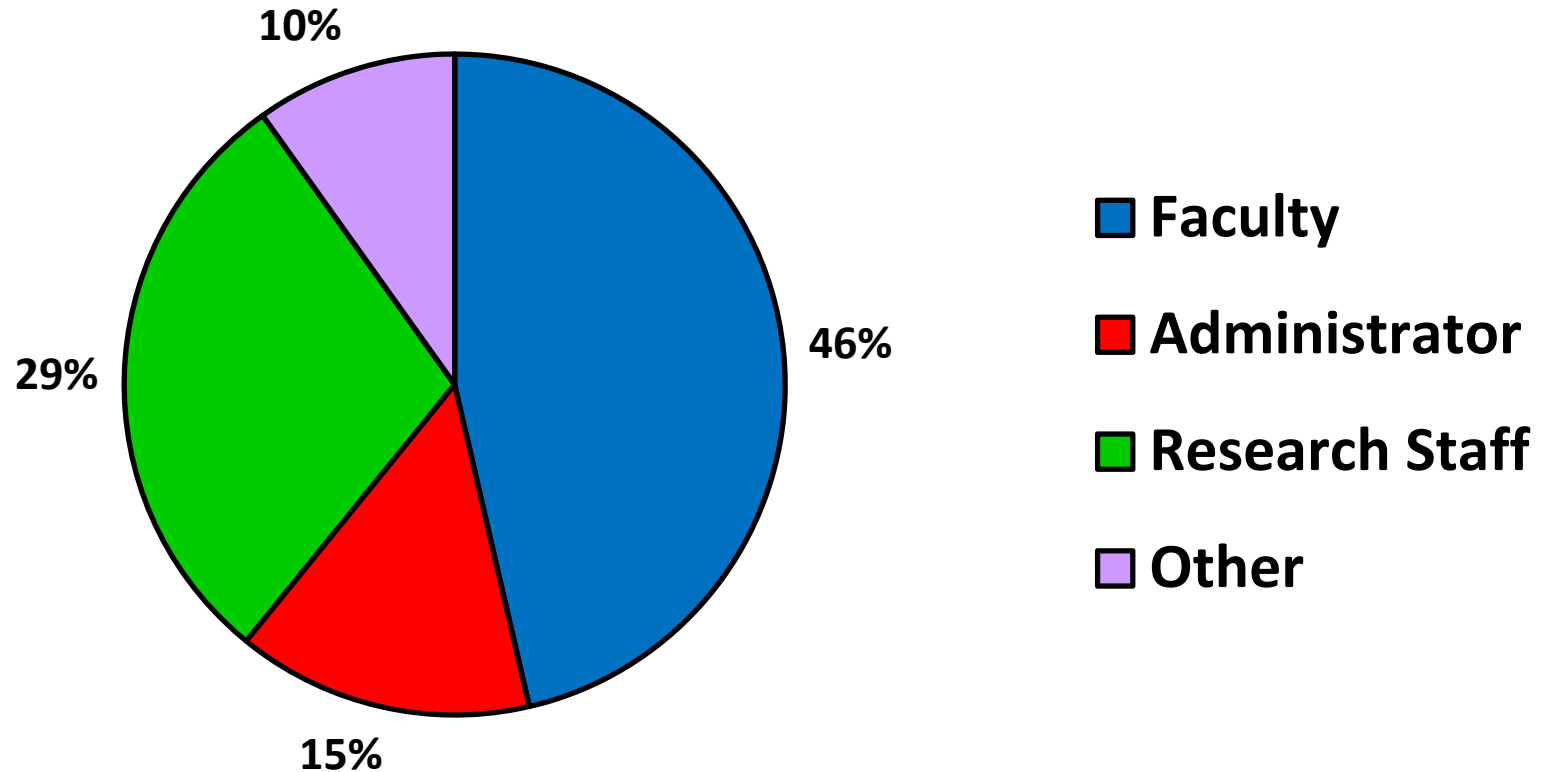


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# Who answered the questionnaire? SOM Role (n=345)



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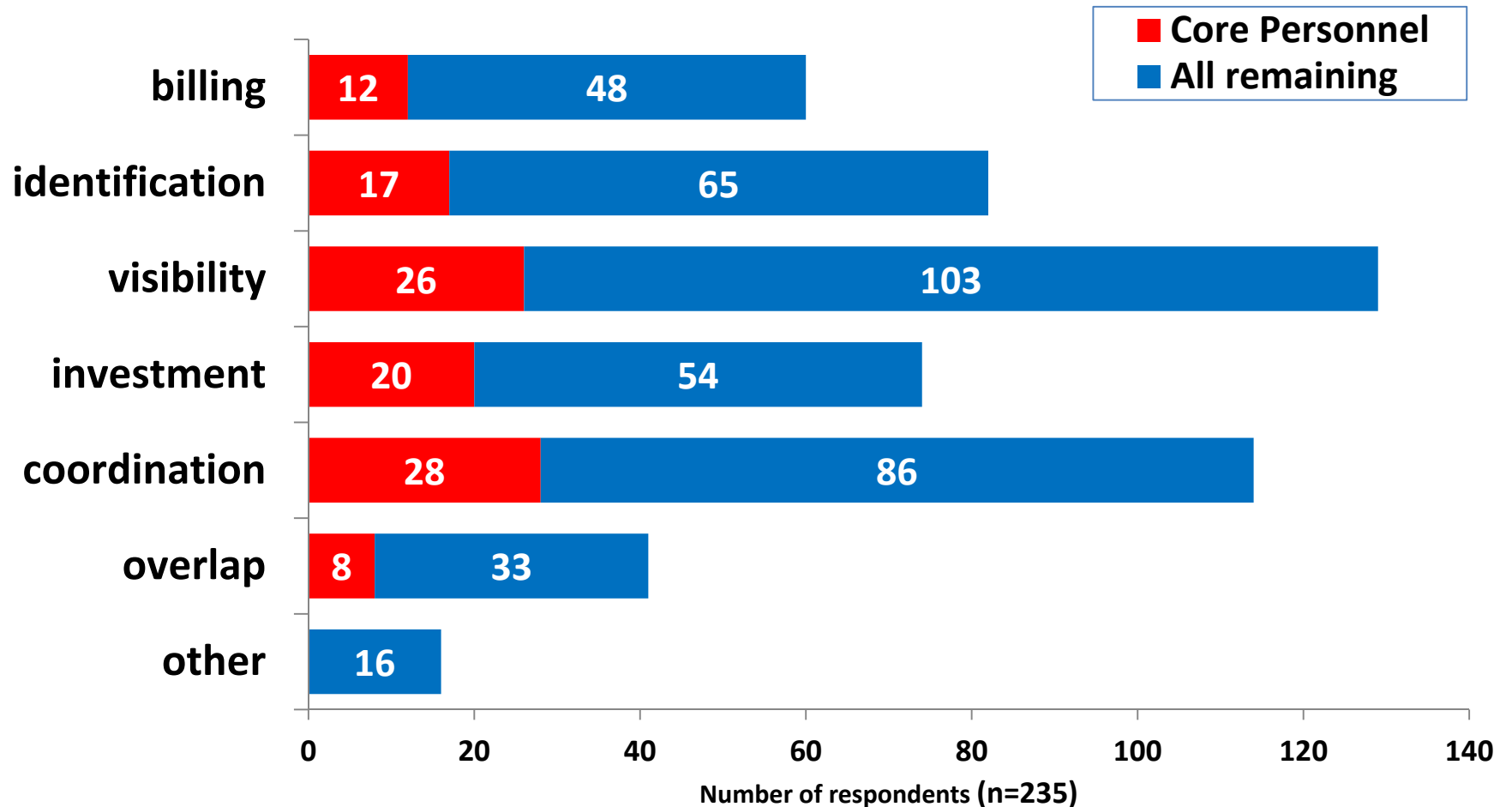


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# What core facility-related issues would you most like to see addressed?



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# 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



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# 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



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# 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



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# 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?



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# 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



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