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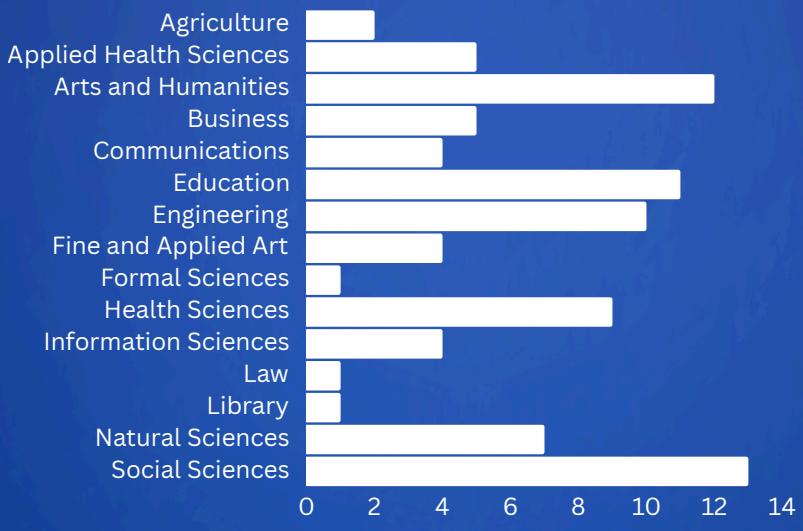
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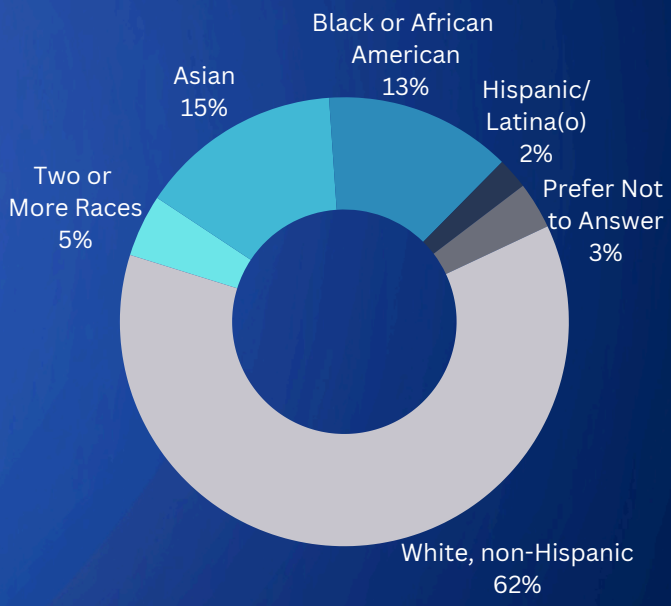
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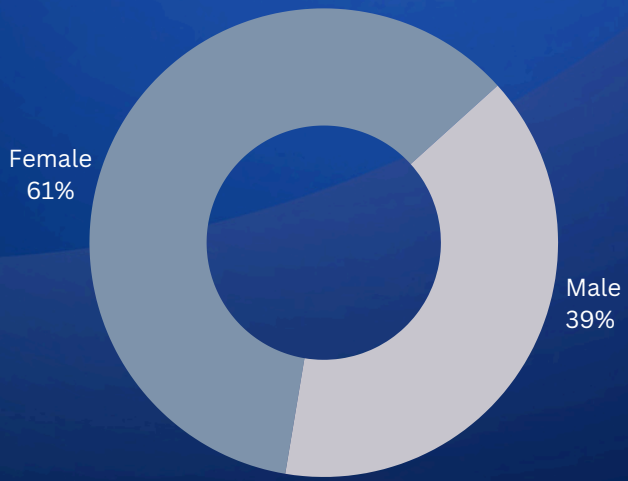
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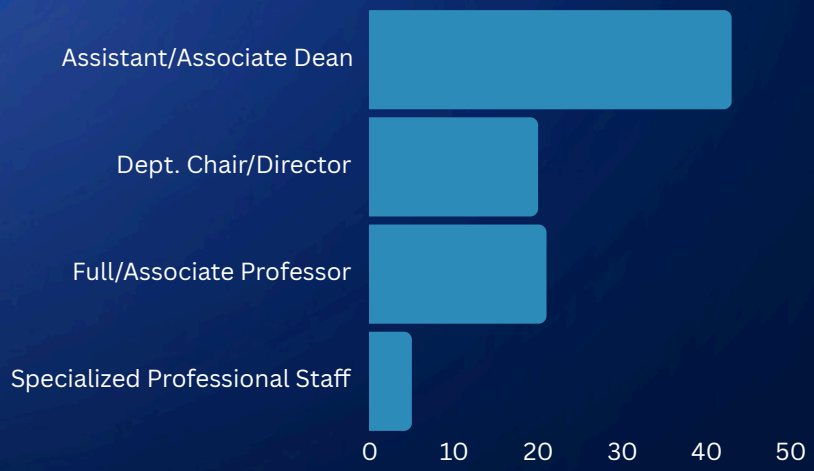
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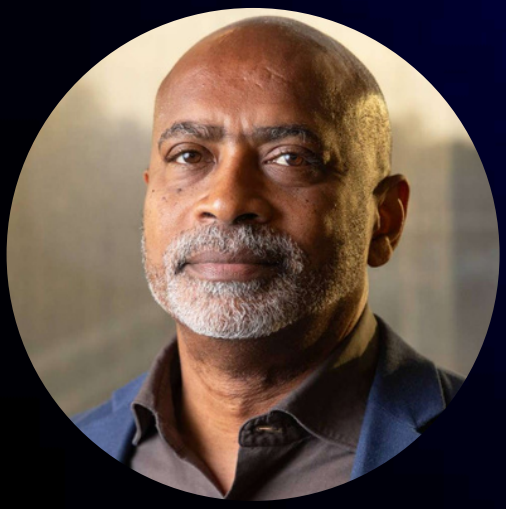
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As associate dean for faculty affairs, White is responsible for working with the dean on policy issues, long-range strategic planning, and implementation of change. She is the primary point of contact for departments and UW-administrative units on faculty affairs and leads diversity and inclusion efforts related to recruitment and retention. She also works with faculty on aspects of mentoring and professional development.

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As Assistant Provost since 2023, Mike supports the advancement, development, and well-being of faculty and academics at the University of Chicago. Before this, he led UChicago's graduate student career and professional development services for nine years. Mike did postdoctoral research at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He earned his PhD in cancer biology from Northwestern University, and his AB in biological sciences from the University of Chicago.

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Rosa Milagros Santos is the Associate Provost for Faculty Development. In this role, she assists with processes and policies related to faculty development and success, including faculty mentoring, support for pre-tenure and mid-career faculty, career paths for specialized faculty, and leadership development. She also oversees the new faculty orientation, mid-career faculty programming, and the dual-career academic couples program.

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Carrie Docherty is the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs at Indiana University. She earned her B.S. from IU and her M.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. She has been a member of the Bloomington School of Public Health Department of Kinesiology since 2003, serving as an administrator, educator, and scholar. She is an internationally recognized scholar in her field and has more than 25 years of clinical experience.

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Professor Daack-Hirsch (Sandy) brings extensive experience in faculty leadership and shared governance to Associate Provost for Faculty role. She served as president of the UI Faculty Senate in 2019-20 and co-chaired the university's 2020-21 presidential search. She has also contributed to university initiatives focused on faculty success, teaching effectiveness, strategic planning, and faculty policies and procedures. She has served as executive associate dean and dean of faculty in the College of Nursing since 2020 and previously served as director of the college's PhD program and interim associate dean for graduate practice programs. She joined the University of Iowa as an Assistant Professor in 2007 after a productive career at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the College of Medicine.

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Laura J. Rosenthal is the Director for Faculty Leadership and a Professor in the English Department. In the Office of Faculty Affairs, she leads projects on faculty development and leadership development. Dr. Rosenthal previously served as the ADVANCE Professor for the College of Arts and Humanities, advancing women and faculty of color. She is the author or editor of five books on Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century British literature and editor of the journal 'Restoration: Studies in Literature and Culture.' Her scholarship focuses on theater, the novel, gender, empire, and histories of emotion.

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Jim Burkel is an associate vice provost for academic and faculty affairs at the University of Michigan. An alumnus of the University of Michigan (BA) and Wayne State University (JD), Jim practiced law in the private sector until 2005, when he joined the Dean's Office of the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. In 2017, Jim joined the Office of the Provost, where he works with the vice provosts for academic and faculty affairs on a range of academic programs, policies, and practices.

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Teresa Mastin is a professor and the chairperson for the Department of Advertising Public Relations. Her primary research interests include media advocacy and media coverage of health issues related to women, and vulnerable populations. She has introduced media advocacy to non-governmental organizations in Rwanda, Kenya, and Vietnam. As Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (2015 - 2018), Mastin presented diversity and inclusion and cultural competency talks/workshops/grand rounds, and taught sustained dialogue courses.

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Beth Lewis has been a faculty member at the University of Minnesota for 17 years. Her research has involved conducting randomized trials to examine the effect of exercise on mental health. She served as the chair of the School of Kinesiology from 2017-2023 and took on the role of Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs in July, 2023.

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Christopher Marks is Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty and Professor in the Glenn Korff School of Music at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In this role, he provides leadership on activities, initiatives, and policies that support the university's faculty. He served as Associate Dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine & Performing Arts from 2015 to 2024, during which time he also served as Interim Director of the School of Art, Art History & Design, Interim Director of the Johnny Carson School of Theatre & Film, and Interim Dean. As a professor, he has taught organ, music theory, and performance practice. He previously taught organ and served as University Organist at Syracuse University.

Celina Flowers

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As Assistant Provost for Faculty, Celina oversees the implementation of policies, programs and infrastructures that are designed to support faculty excellence. She also works to coordinate institutional responses to address faculty concerns and manages the processes that govern faculty rights and appeals. During her time at Northwestern, she has led the expansion of programs to cultivate faculty leaders, the creation of the University Ombudsperson Office, and the development and growth of the University's Faculty Wellness Program.

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Sumit is the Hugh Knowles Professor of Hearing Science at Northwestern University. His laboratory works on hearing, hearing loss, and hearing healthcare delivery. Since February 2021, Sumit has served as the Associate Provost for Faculty for Northwestern University. He has previously been chair of his department and an associate dean for research in the School of Communication at Northwestern University.

Helen Malone

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Helen Malone was named Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at The Ohio State University in June 2019. Her portfolio includes overseeing faculty human resources including compensation, hiring, promotion and tenure, and academic leadership development. Dr. Malone began as an assistant professor at Ohio State in 2005. She received her PhD from UT Austin, her MA from NYU, and her BS from the UC Davis. Dr. Malone's research focuses on teaching individuals with severe and profound disabilities new skills using mobile technologies.

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Sierra Dawson's work focuses on faculty and leadership development, with a specific emphasis on support during career transition moments. As a member of the academic affairs team in the office of the provost at the University of Oregon, Sierra coordinates and facilitates numerous programs for faculty and staff, such as new faculty programing, mid-career peer mentorship and coaching programs, new academic unit head onboarding & leadership development, and the UO Leadership Academy. Sierra is committed to supporting UO's goal to create a flourishing community. Originally from the faculty in the Department of Human Physiology, Sierra continues to value and design inclusive and interactive learning experiences that build community while helping participants to learn and grow.

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Ann C. Clements, Ph.D. is Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs – Faculty Development at the Pennsylvania State University where she oversees university-wide professional development for Penn State's 6,500+ faculty across 24 campuses. She leads faculty success initiatives including those related to new faculty orientation, promotion and tenure, mentoring, leadership training, teaching effectiveness, transition and retention, and emeritus engagement. Additionally, she oversees the Administrative Fellows program, the Penn State Laureate program, and the President's Award for Excellence in Academic Integration. In conjunction with the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, she engages with the Big Ten Academic Alliance and the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities.

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Lisa Mauer joined the provost's office as associate vice provost for faculty affairs in 2019. In this role, she provides leadership for initiatives that support faculty recruitment, hiring, retention, development, and success at all career stages. Mauer is a professor of food science, a member of the Whistler Center for Carbohydrate Research, and was the director of the Center for Food Safety Engineering for 10 years.

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Dr. Christmann is the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Rutgers University-New Brunswick and Director of the Rutgers Center for Faculty Success. Working closely with campus, school and department leaders she provides strategic leadership in faculty recruitment, retention, mentoring, and development. She oversees a variety of university-wide programs focused on professional growth, leadership preparation, and faculty satisfaction and plays a pivotal role in shaping and implementing a strategic vision for faculty development. Prior to taking on this role in July 2025 she held administrative positions at Rutgers Business School as Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research and as Chair of the Department of Management and Global Business.

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Kerri L. Johnson is a Professor in the Departments of Communication and Psychology. Prior to joining AAPO as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Development, she served two terms as Chair of the Department of Communication and as the Associate Dean of Research for the Social Sciences for 2022-23. During her time as Chair, she established the Philanthropic Board of Visitors for the Department of Communication; established a doctoral program; began new efforts to engage alumni, increasing philanthropic giving by more than 400%; and secured endowments for several lectures and awards. Professor Johnson also initiated a Social Science Division partnership with Disney Research.

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As Associate Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs at USC, Brigid Reagan Balcom leads the annual faculty salary proposal process, administer's the university's faculty misconduct landscape, and oversees and communicates central Faculty Affairs policies and procedures across 20 academic units. A nonprofit leader with over 20 years of experience, Balcom has also held administrative positions at the University of Chicago and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has a BA from the University of Notre Dame and an MA from Columbia College Chicago.

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Kelly Conforti Rupp is the Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she plans and facilitates leadership and career development opportunities for deans, department chairs, and faculty. She is also a certified life and leadership coach and helps people discover and achieve their personal and professional goals.

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Charity Farber has been with the Big Ten Academic Alliance since 2008. With each role she has held, she has continued to build on her commitment to strengthening academic collaboration and advancing leadership development. She now leads the newly stablished Leadership Institute team, dedicated to advancing faculty leadership across the consortium. Charity is responsible for the strategic design, delivery, and facilitation of programs that prepare faculty for leadership roles and foster collaboration among the member institutions. In addition to leading the Leadership Institute, Charity also facilitates the collaboration of one of the Big Ten Academic Alliance's core groups, the Vice Provosts for Faculty Affairs.

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