

CONCERNS ABOUT A FACULTY SURVEY YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED

*A letter from Provost Jerry Baldasty
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Dear Colleagues,

Some or all of you may have received a survey about “what UW faculty members think about the future of the university, their own jobs, and their voice on campus and in Olympia.”

According to the solicitation email associated with the survey, the questionnaire is from a “nationally-respected research company.”

I’ve heard concerns about this survey from a number of faculty members. These concerns include how this company obtained contact information for this survey and whether this survey is really “push-polling” (when a poll is really designed to influence opinion rather than identify views).

To avoid any misunderstanding, this survey is not being conducted on behalf of the UW. The University has not provided faculty members’ contact information to the survey company. We do not know who is conducting the survey or why. It is up to you whether or not to respond.

I want to assure you that any invitation to participate in a UW-sponsored survey will come from a UW NetID, outline the nature and designated use of the survey, and be signed by a UW representative.

Please let me know if you have any questions or other concerns.

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