

## Summary of Senator Responses to Modality Survey

### Numerical Data

92 Responses

154 Current Senators (voting and nonvoting)

~60% response rate

	Average Score Among Senators (1 is least favorable, 5 is most favorable)	Percent Selecting as First Choice
Zoom only	4.18	51.5%
Hybrid with full participation by remote participants	3.26	24%
Hybrid with limited participation by remote participants	1.65	1%
In person only	2.3	13.5%

### Narrative Responses

#### Hybrid (In Person & Zoom) – Pros

- I disagree that hybrid participation wouldn't work. For example, everyone participating in person could bring their laptop/device for use of their microphone/camera while they are speaking, or someone could pan a tripod-mounted camera to zoom in on the speaker, using a decent room-microphone. Electronic voting would be easier for collecting names with the count, whether in person, online, or hybrid, and would not require much effort to set up.
- Some senators have organized their personal lives (personal extracurricular activities, children's extracurricular activities, pets, transportation, other responsibilities, etc.) under the understanding that University Senate meetings would be held via Zoom. It could be the case that some senators simply cannot attend meetings if they are held in person only.
- I think the hybrid option will encourage more faculty to participate as senators.
- I have been holding junior faculty meetings for research in progress using a hybrid approach. It is usually about 50/50 in person and on zoom and it works OK. Maximizes flexibility while also providing the in-person interaction many of them desire.

#### Hybrid (In Person & Zoom) – Concerns

- Hybrid must have audio that is consumable for on-line attendees. Full participation is a must; not allowing on-line senators to vote would be a worst possible situation.
- Current technology does NOT well support hybrid with full participation, but that option is becoming more viable as many conferences have been forced into that mode and infrastructure is quickly developing. I think the key is to have some electronic mechanism that can be used for raising a hand and voting that is uniform across both Zoom and in-person participants, and it probably should be available to both Senators and guest attendees (although guests can't vote).

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### Hybrid (In Person & Zoom) – Concerns, continued

- The current technology setup does not provide the optimal environment to participate in a hybrid modality. It is difficult to hear and we are not using any room that will allow for focusing in on individuals seated at individual desks.
- It should be one way or the other. Hybrid creates logistical issues and communication between the two models can be difficult.
- I would prefer either Zoom or in person. Hybrid modality makes it hard for participants on both ends.

### Zoom Only

- Zoom is the safest most inclusive and we can see each other and speak with ease. Moderation of meeting and voting work well.
- Zoom only is best because it allows for great flexibility and convenience. safer and more orderly meetings
- No one at the most recent Senate meeting made a convincing case for in-person meetings. There was some claim that there is more discussion in-person. But that is not my experience. Yet the many advantages of zoom meetings were brought up in our recent discussion. For example, zoom meetings are more convenient for many attendees, speakers can be more clearly heard, and the moderator can more equitably manage questions. As far as I can tell, the case for in-person Senate meetings reduces to the idea that we have always done it that way. I favor zoom meetings in the indefinite future.

### In-Person Only

- In a perfect world, zoom option should only be for convenience to those who have to be out of town on the meeting date. and granted permission on a case by case basis. but it is convenient to just zoom and not show up.

### Miscellaneous

- Limit the chat feature
- We have used Echo360 to run hybrid learning (synchronous and in-person) in our large-section (over 500) classes successfully for some time now - since Fall 2013.
- I'm not 100% sure what "limited participation by remote participants" would include, so that made it more difficult to assess.
- I don't know if this would be too confusing, but we could consider maybe a third of them zoom and the rest in person.