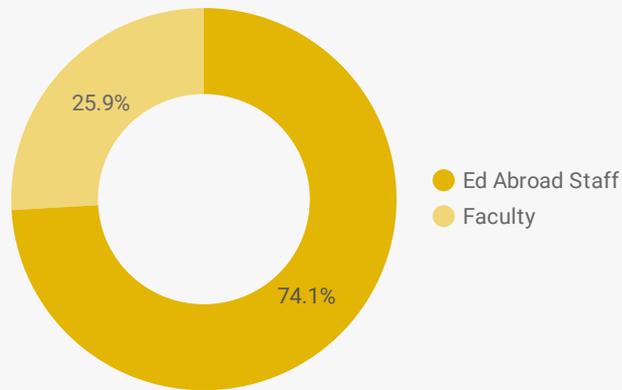# The MOBT Global National Pulse
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Survey Respondents by Role

- Ed Abroad Staff
- Faculty

74.1%
25.9%

Experience in Planning Faculty-Led Programs

Experience (years)

10+
1-2
0
3-5
6-10

Respondents

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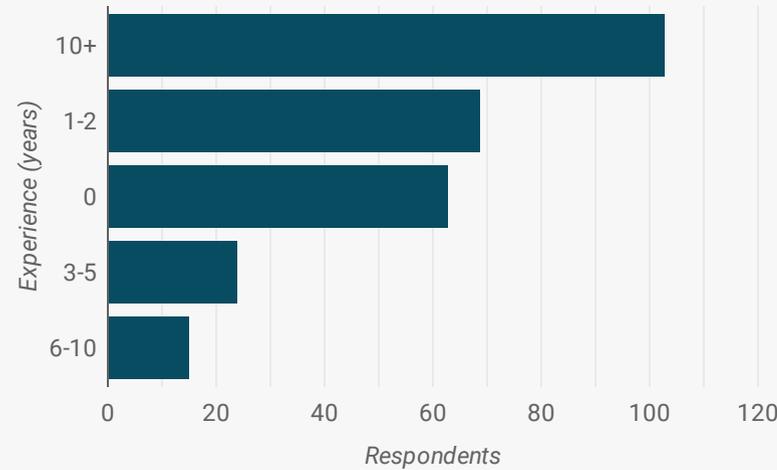
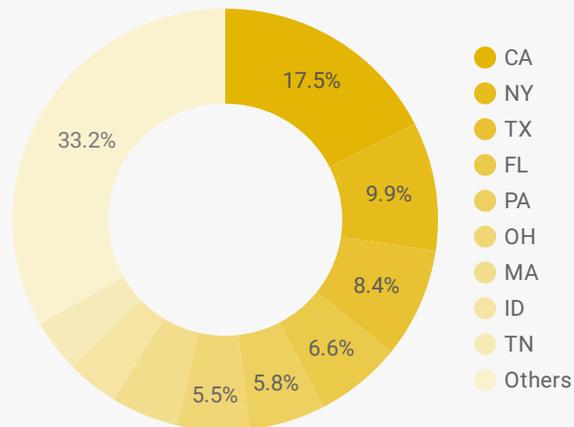## Typical Planning Method

Planned with a Provider
Planned In-House
Varies

Respondents

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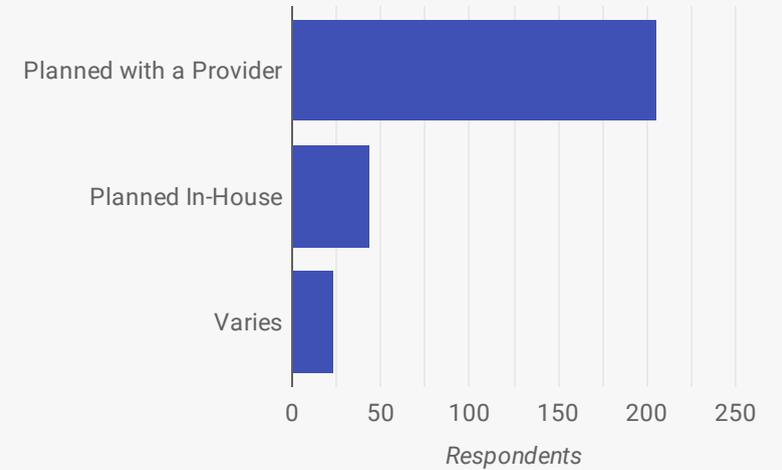
State Distribution of Participating Institutions

- CA
- NY
- TX
- FL
- PA
- OH
- MA
- ID
- TN
- Others

17.5%
33.2%
9.9%
8.4%
6.6%
5.5% 5.8%

Most Challenging Aspect of Student Application/Selection
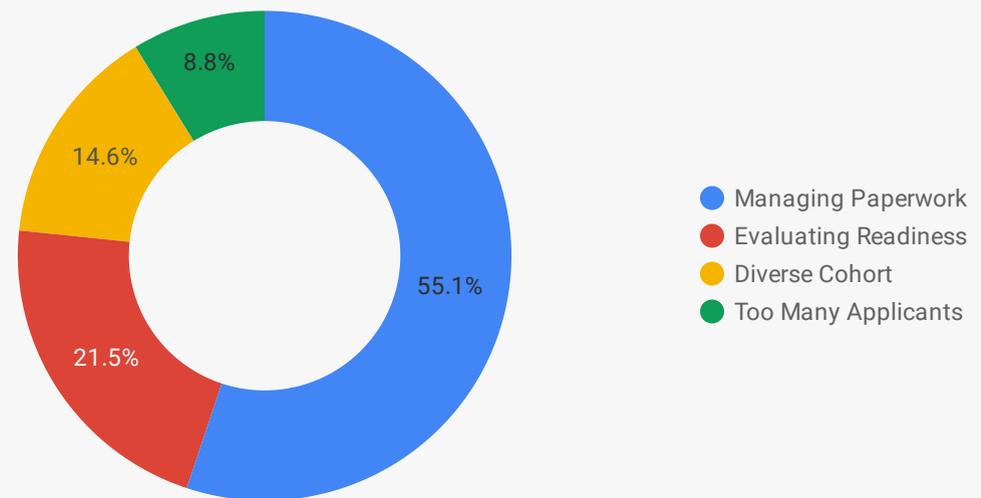
- Managing Paperwork
- Evaluating Readiness
- Diverse Cohort
- Too Many Applicants

8.8%
14.6%
55.1%
21.5%

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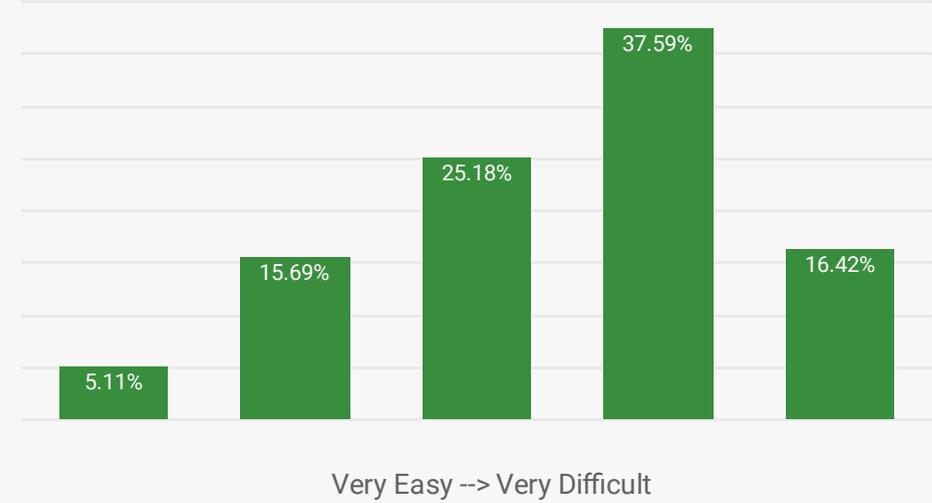Results reflect self-reported responses on Faculty-led program planning, challenges, and professional development needs
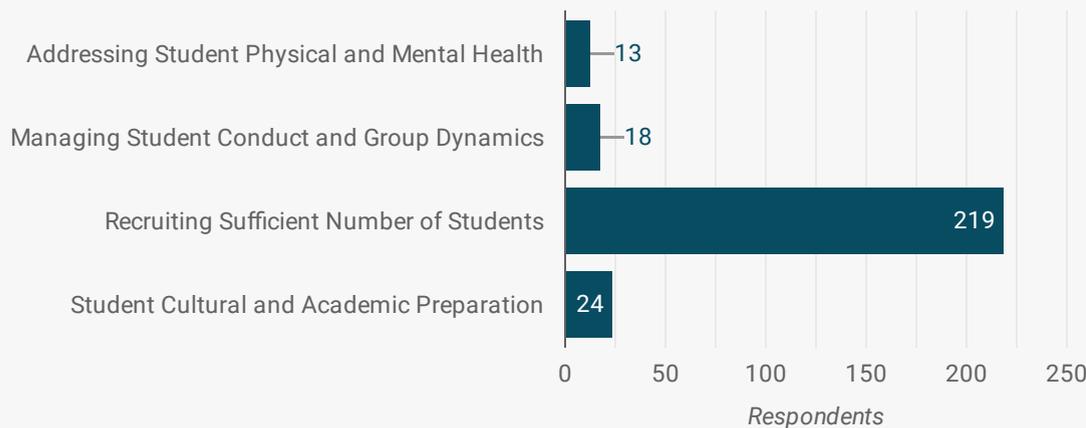
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Difficulty Getting Internal University Approval

Legend: Faculty, Ed Abroad Staff

- 84.21% / 15.79%
- 79.01% / 20.99%
- 79.83% / 20.17%
- 58.54% / 41.46%
- 28.57% / 71.43%

Very Easy --> Very Difficult
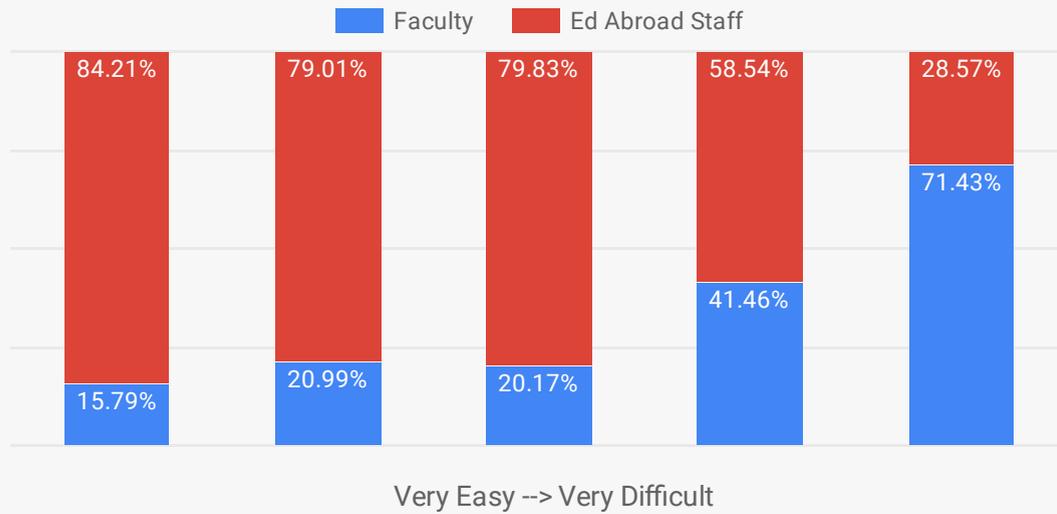
Difficulty Developing a Realistic Budget

- 5.11%
- 15.69%
- 25.18%
- 37.59%
- 16.42%

Very Easy --> Very Difficult

Greatest Challenge Related to Student Participation

- Addressing Student Physical and Mental Health: 13
- Managing Student Conduct and Group Dynamics: 18
- Recruiting Sufficient Number of Students: 219
- Student Cultural and Academic Preparation: 24

Respondents

Difficulty Aligning Program with Academic Curriculum

- 16.42%
- 32.48%
- 17.15%
- 29.56%
- 4.38%

Very Easy --> Very Difficult

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Top Challenges When Working With Program Providers

Communication : 29.74%

Cost : 21.59%

Customization : 26.68%

Finding : 10.59%

None : 8.15%

Safety : 3.26%
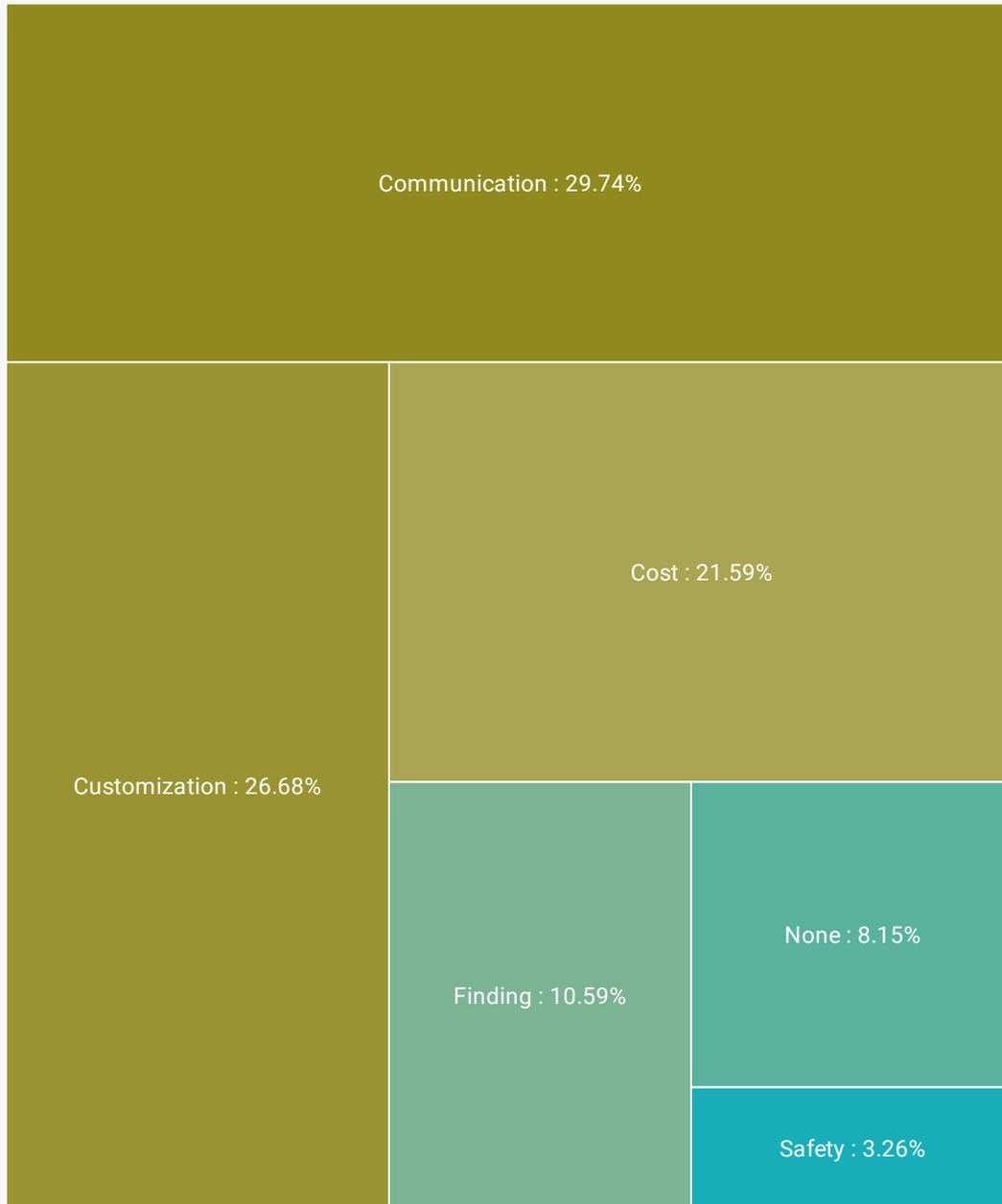
Most Important Factor When Selecting a Provider

- Support — 47.1%
- Safety — 24.5%
- Cost — 19.7%
- Customization — 8.8%

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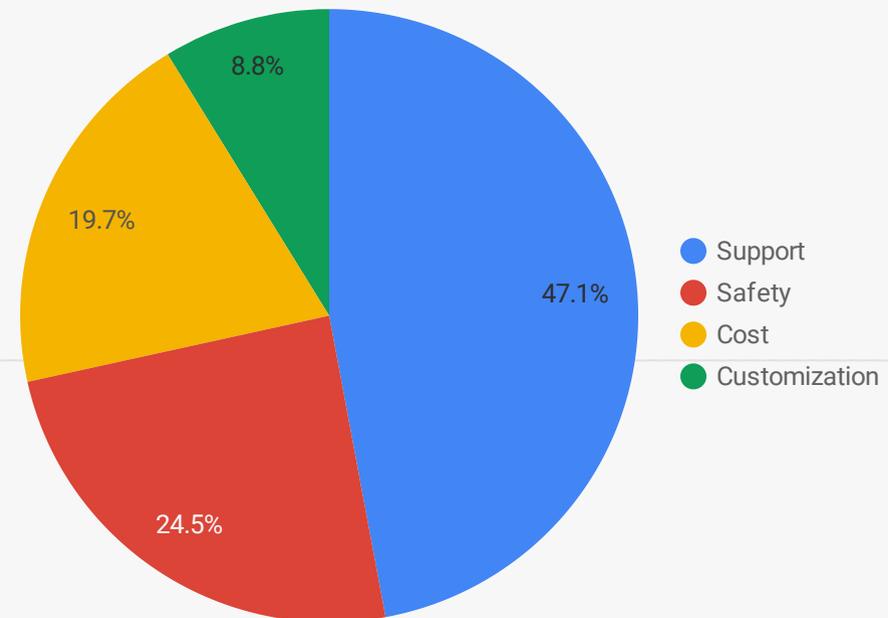
Formal Training Provided

- No formal training
- Yes, but minimal
- Yes, comprehensive

60.2%
29.6%
10.2%

Where Additional Professional Development is Needed

Risk Management : 31.96%

Budgeting : 15.89%

Recruitment : 27.68%

Crisis Management : 13.04%

Curriculum : 7.86%

Intercultural : 3.57%
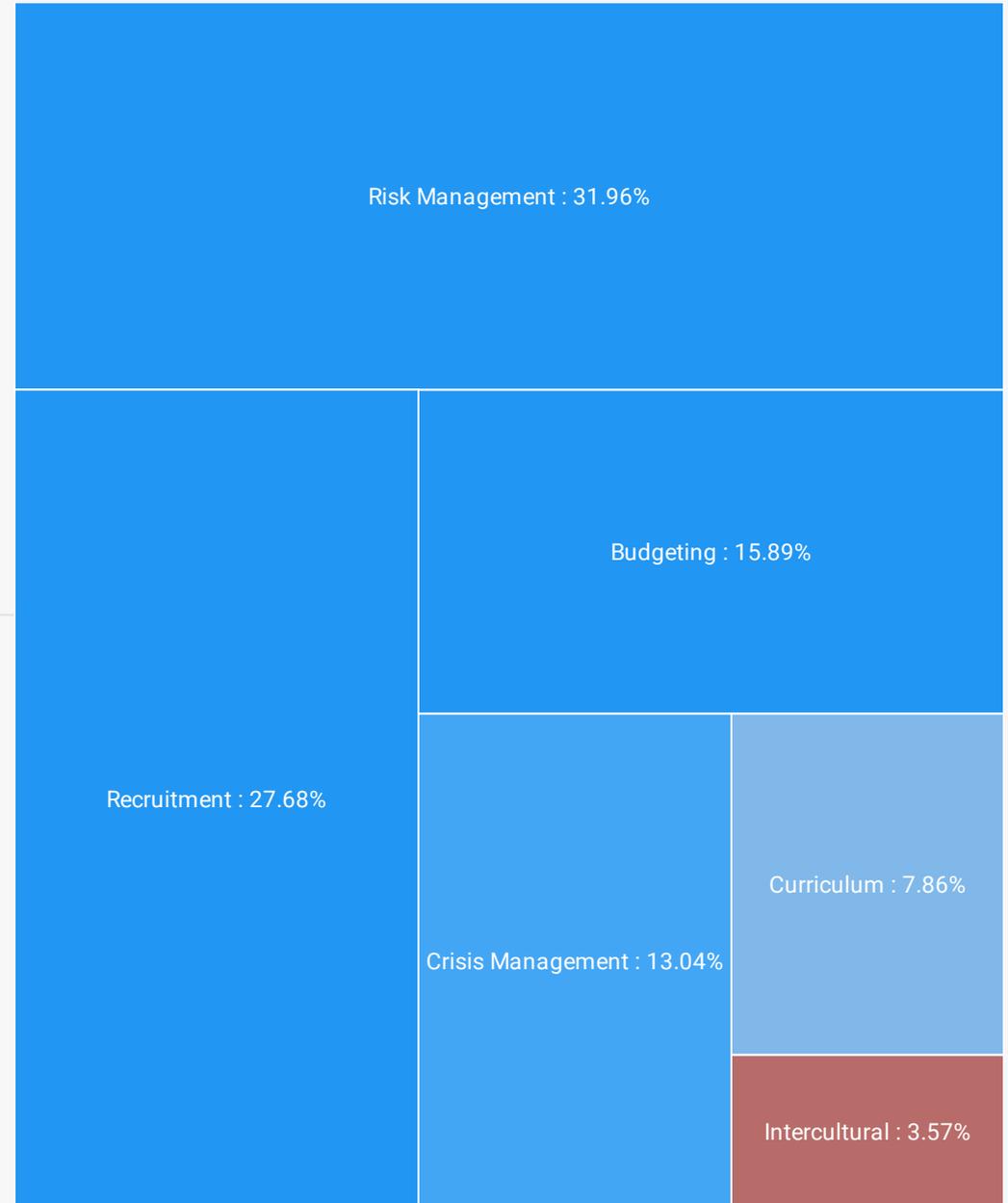
Preferred Format for Professional Development

Format	Respondents
Self-Paced Online Courses	96
Live Webinar	91
Workshops or Conferences	75
Guides and Handbooks	12

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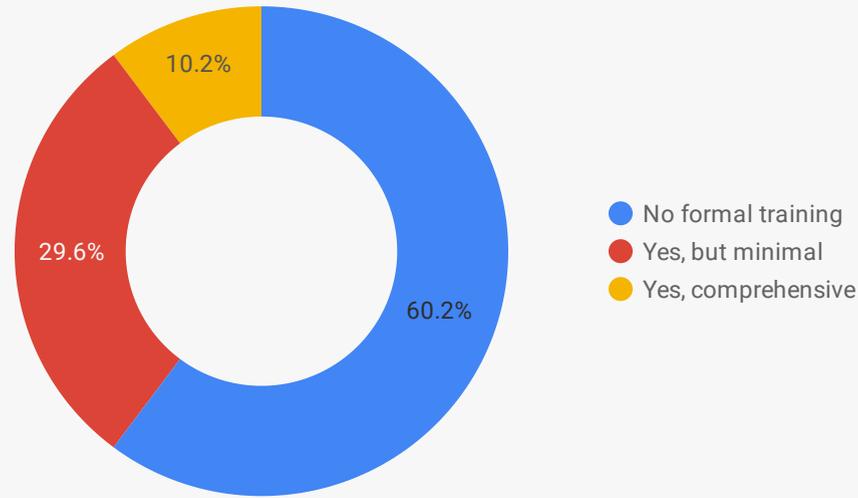Results reflect self-reported responses on Faculty-led program planning, challenges, and professional development needs