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## Memorandum 20:41

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**To:** Presidents and Administrative Officers  
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

**From:** David Robinson, Executive Director

**Re:** **Survey of Staff at Post-Secondary Institutions - Findings**

The Canadian Association of University Teachers released findings from its spring survey of post-secondary education staff today. More than 4,300 academic staff from all provinces participated in the survey which asked about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their working lives. Thank you to those associations who assisted in encouraging participation in the survey.

### Key findings:

- A majority of academic staff from universities and colleges are working more than before COVID-19, with almost one-third working more than 10 additional hours per week;
- A total of 84% of respondents reported higher stress levels, due to health and safety concerns, balancing work and dependent care, challenges with teaching and research, and job insecurity;
- About 1 in 10 have seen their work eliminated or reduced since the pandemic;
- 68% of respondents are worried about the challenges of remote teaching;
- Two out of three are researching less or not at all due to the inability to hold or attend conferences, dependent care responsibilities, inability to access labs or offices, not being able to conduct in-person research, and increased teaching demands;
- Only 1 in 4 feel that they are consulted before decisions that affect them are made; and,
- Respondents identified safe childcare, more access to mental health services, and technological assistance among the resources most needed.

**[Read our release on the survey here.](#)**

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Caroline Lachance, Research Officer, at [lachance@caut.ca](mailto:lachance@caut.ca).