

Supporting Faculty Readiness for Integrating Experiential Service-Learning Opportunities at Local Wellness Center within the Occupational Therapy (OT) Curriculum: A Systems Level Implementation Plan and Feasibility Study

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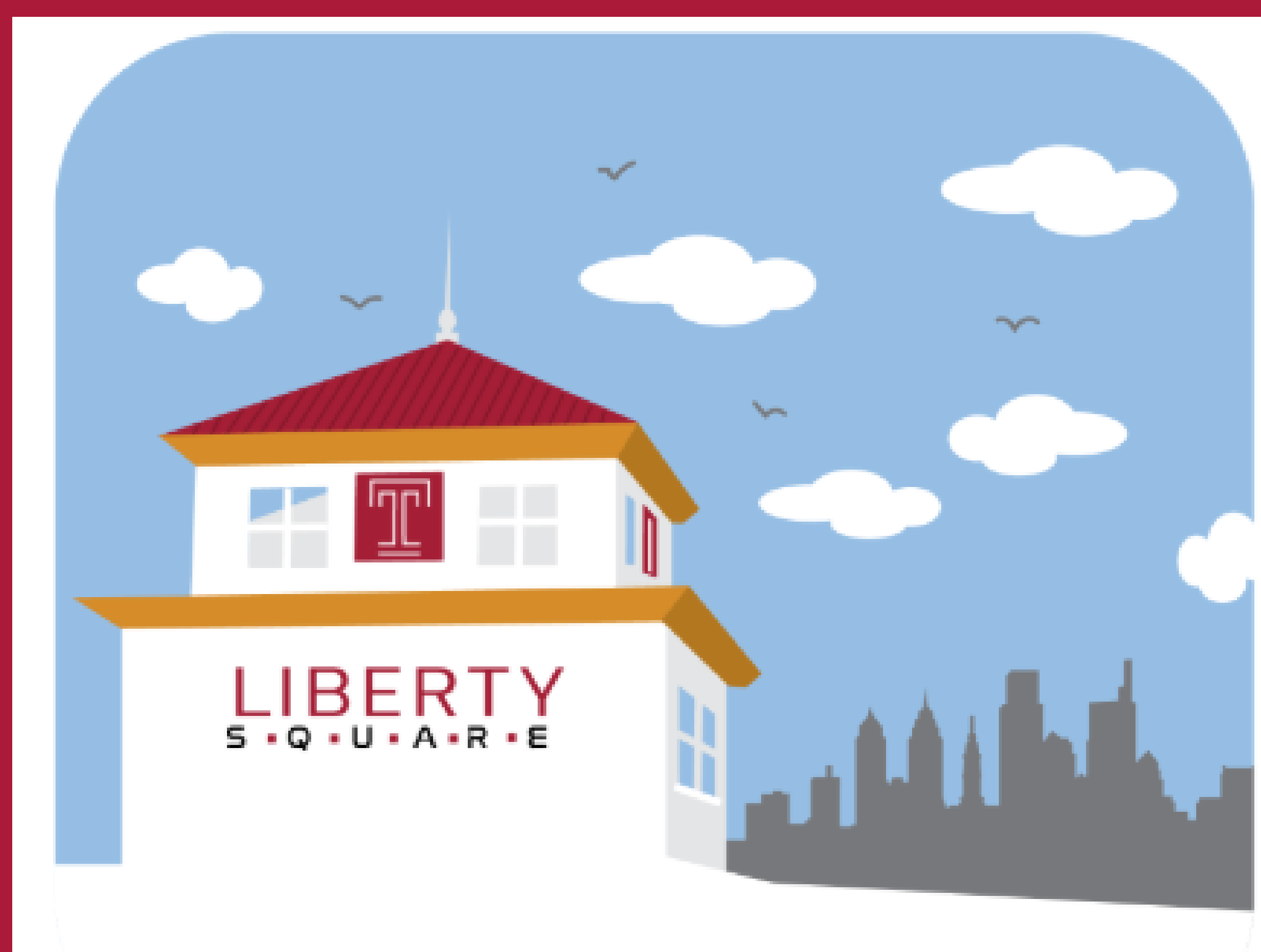


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Introduction

- **Experiential Service Learning Opportunities (ESLO)**
 - Hands on clinical experience outside of the traditional classroom
- **Key Players**
 - Temple University Health and Wellness Center (TUHWC)
 - **No consistent presence** of OT services
 - Temple University Occupational Therapy (TU OT) Program
 - **No ESLO** in health and wellness clinic

Methodology

- Literature Review**
(Curricular research and foundational info)
- Field Investigation**
(Shadowing and site exploration)
- Needs Assessment**
(Strategic planning + faculty survey/interviews + site interviews)
- Focus Group**
(Pre/Post survey + printed strategic Implementation Plan + presentation)
- Refined Proposed Implementation Plan**
(Operational pathway)
- Pilot Programming**
(Future project plans)

Opportunity #	Course
Opportunity #1	OTHR 5221: Health and Wellness in the Community
Opportunity #2	OTHR 5285: OT Practice: Fieldwork 1B
Opportunity #3	OTHR 5104: OT Practice: Mental Health
Opportunity #4	OTHR 5003: Group Dynamics in OT
Opportunity #5	OTHR 8002: Clinical Skills I
Opportunity #6	OTHR 5285: FW 1C and OTHR 5287/5288: FW 2A/B

Figure 1.0 Opportunity list for TU OT curriculum.

Discussion

- This project demonstrates both a **need, opportunity, and readiness** among the TU OT faculty in integrating an ESLO for TU OT students at the TUHWC
- The operational needs gave way for a collaboration between the key players which informed the creation of a **strategic implementation plan**

Results

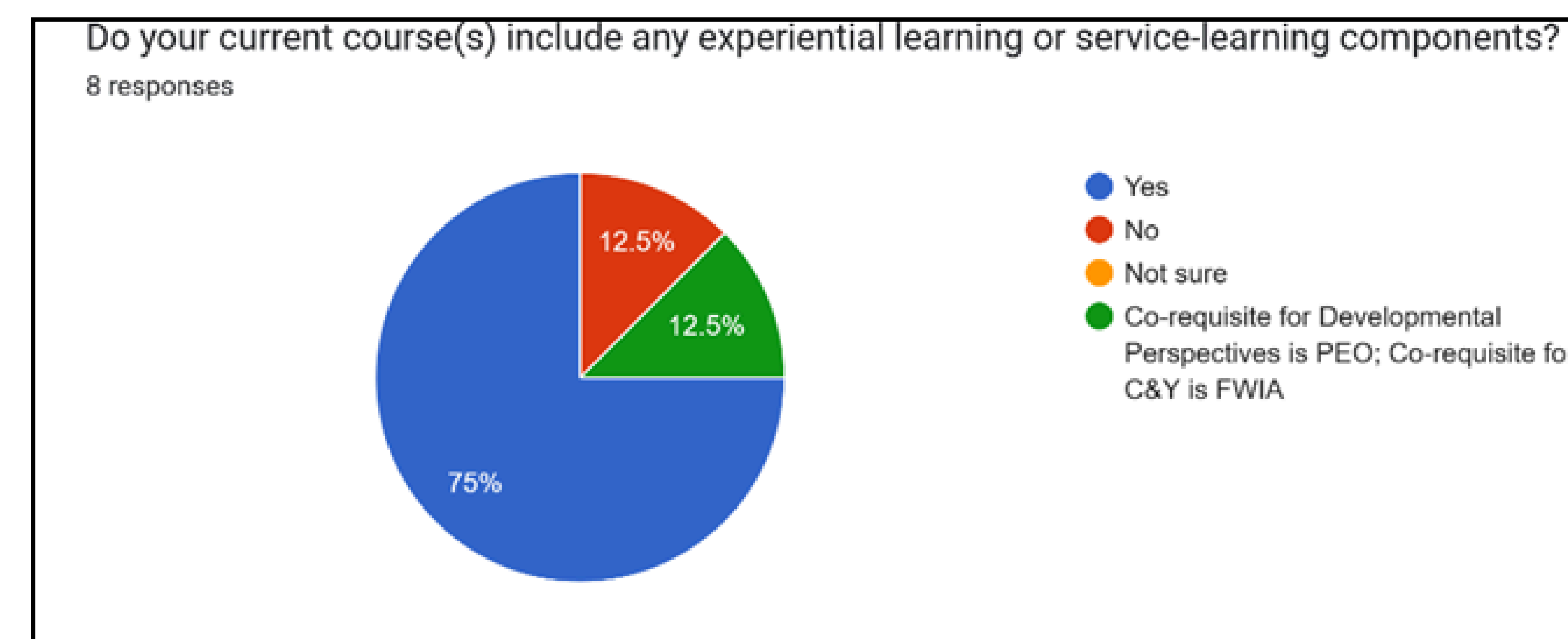


Figure 2.0 ESLO components in TU OT faculty curriculum.

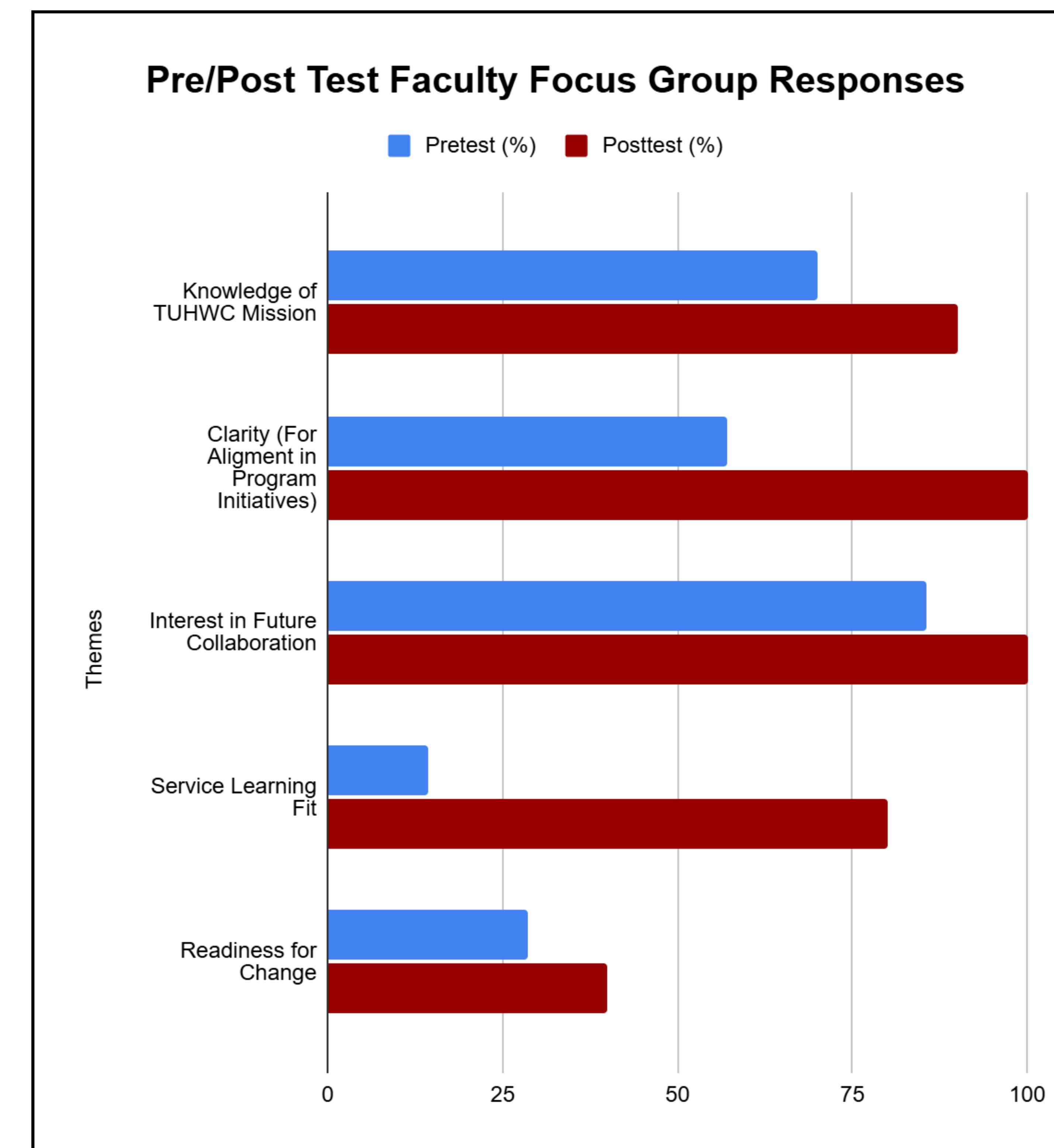


Figure 3.0 Pre/Post test faculty focus group compared – data analyzed for change in responses for 4/5 or greater ratings.

Major Themes

- Faculty Readiness
- Feasibility and Sustainability
- Alignment and Collaboration
- Systems Level Implementation