



FAEIS Newsletter

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Greetings from the FAEIS team at Virginia Tech. If you are not familiar with this important project from USDA/CSREES, [click here](#) to read about FAEIS and why it is important to you.

FAEIS Triennial User Evaluation

Next month you will be asked to help us evaluate the Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS) system. As you know, FAEIS is valuable because it is a source of information for internal planning at universities, shows education trends, and is used to respond to inquiries related to higher education funding.

To keep FAEIS valuable and relevant to its users, the FAEIS office conducts a comprehensive review of the system every three years in order to plan for upgrades, and meet needs for the future.

In mid to late June you will receive an email notifying you of the survey, which will be on-line, and should take you about 15 minutes to complete. Your input is important to us, so we hope you will take the time to share your feedback with us.

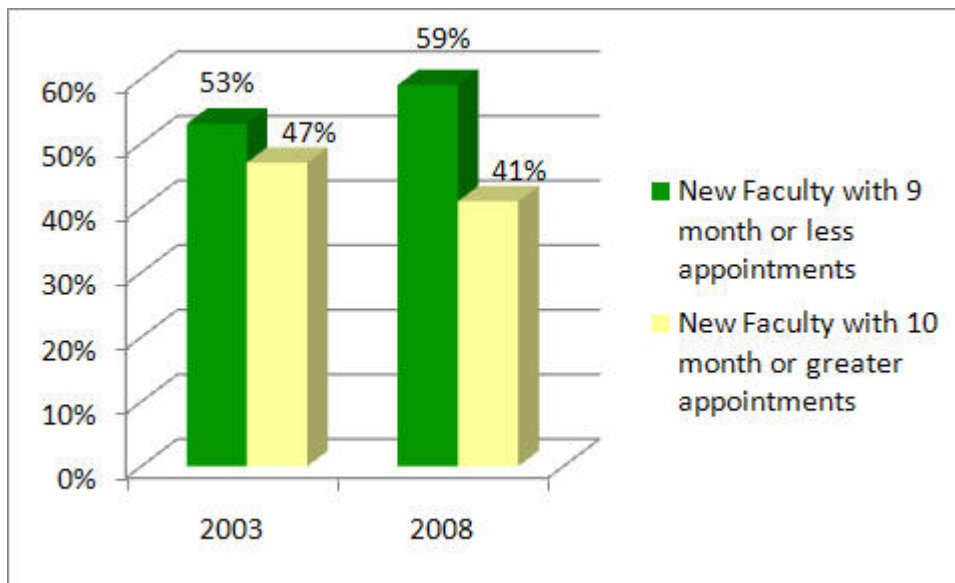
More Faculty on 9 Month Terms of Appointment

This month's data analysis reviews changes in faculty terms of appointment. Using FAEIS data for 2003 and 2008, we have compared terms of appointment of 9 months or less to appointment terms of 10 months or more for new faculty and all faculty. We also looked at faculty appointment records according to program area assignments.

The analysis was limited to only those faculty whose records have been verified in the FAEIS system. This means that the faculty record has been reviewed by the institution and noted as accurate from year to year. We did not distinguish between faculty based on tenure status, rank, or full or part-time status.

Our first chart below looks at the change in appointment terms for all new faculty in the FAEIS database between 2003 and 2008. In 2003, 53% of new faculty were reported as having 9 month or less appointments. Appointments of 9 months or less increased for new faculty in 2008 to 59%.

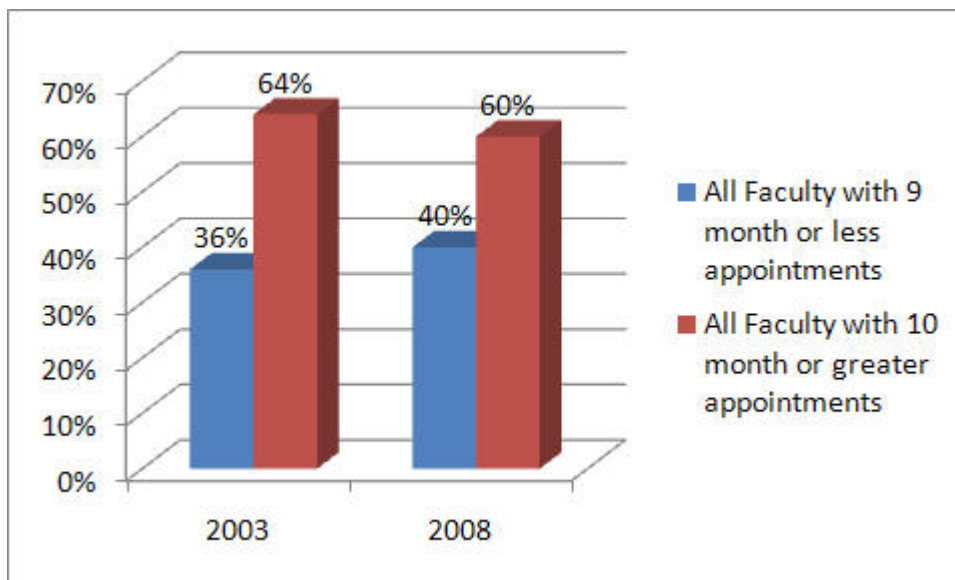
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The second chart looks at the appointment terms of all faculty (not just new faculty hires) in the FAEIS database in 2003 and 2008. In 2003, 64% of all faculty were reported as having 10 month or more appointments. The percentage of all faculty having 10 month or greater appointments dropped by 4%, between 2003 and 2008, down to 60% in 2008.

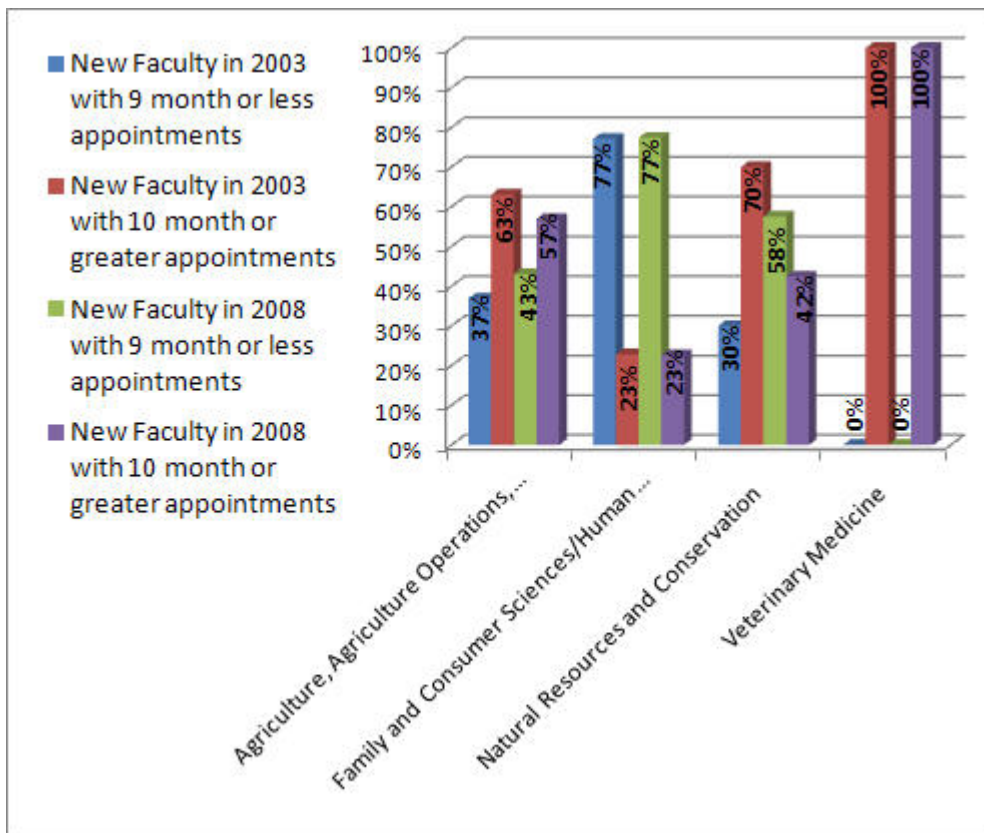
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The third chart looks at the percentage of new faculty appointments by program area for 2003 and 2008. New faculty in the agriculture program area having 9 month or less appointments, increased from 37% in 2003 to 43% in 2008. The percentage of family and consumer sciences / human sciences faculty with 9 month or less appointments is 77%, significantly higher than the agriculture program area. The largest change between 2003 and 2008 in percentage of faculty with 9 month or less appointments occurred with new faculty in the natural resources and conservation program area, with a jump from 30% to 58%.

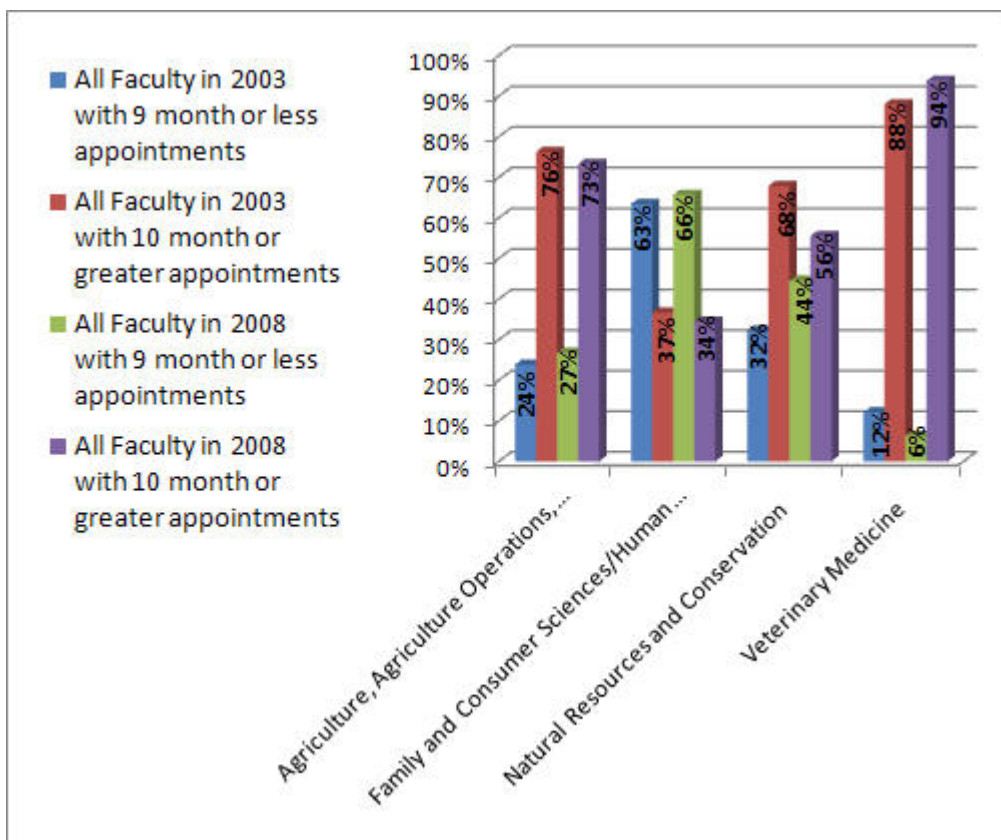
Terms of Appointment for New Faculty by Program Area, 2003 and 2008



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The last chart below depicts the percentage of appointment terms for 2003 and 2008 for all faculty in the FAEIS database by program area. The percentage of all faculty with 9-month or less appointments increased between 2003 and 2008 in all program areas except veterinary medicine.

Terms of Appointment for All Faculty by Program Area, 2003 and 2008



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