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The 2015 COACHE Faculty Satisfaction Survey

Presentation to Academic Council
OCTOBER 14, 2015

Overview of Today's Presentation and Discussion

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 - d. Tenure Clarity
 - e. Group Differences
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What is COACHE?

COLLABORATIVE ON ACADEMIC CAREERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
<http://sites.gse.harvard.edu/coache>

(Part of the Harvard Graduate School of Education)

COACHE provides:

- Survey administration— four-year and community college
- Reports of results (paper and Digital Report Portfolio)
- Webinars and meetings to interpret findings
- Annual Leaders Workshop (best practices)
- Connections among participants
- Research and library

Administration of the Survey at CUNY

- **Population:**
 - Non-tenure track, pre-tenure and tenured full-time faculty
 - All senior colleges including Law and GC (Journalism included but too few responses to report separately)
 - All community colleges except Guttman
 - CC survey administered only at CUNY this year
- Administered online in spring 2015
- Response rates at CUNY varied from 34% to 65%, with a mean of 47%
- National response rate mean 49%

Comparisons

Compare perceptions of work life with

- Faculty working elsewhere at CUNY (sector means and total CUNY means)
- Faculty working at “peer” colleges (chosen by the college)
- Faculty working nationally (comparison cohort of COACHE participants)

Measure faculty perceptions of academic work life by

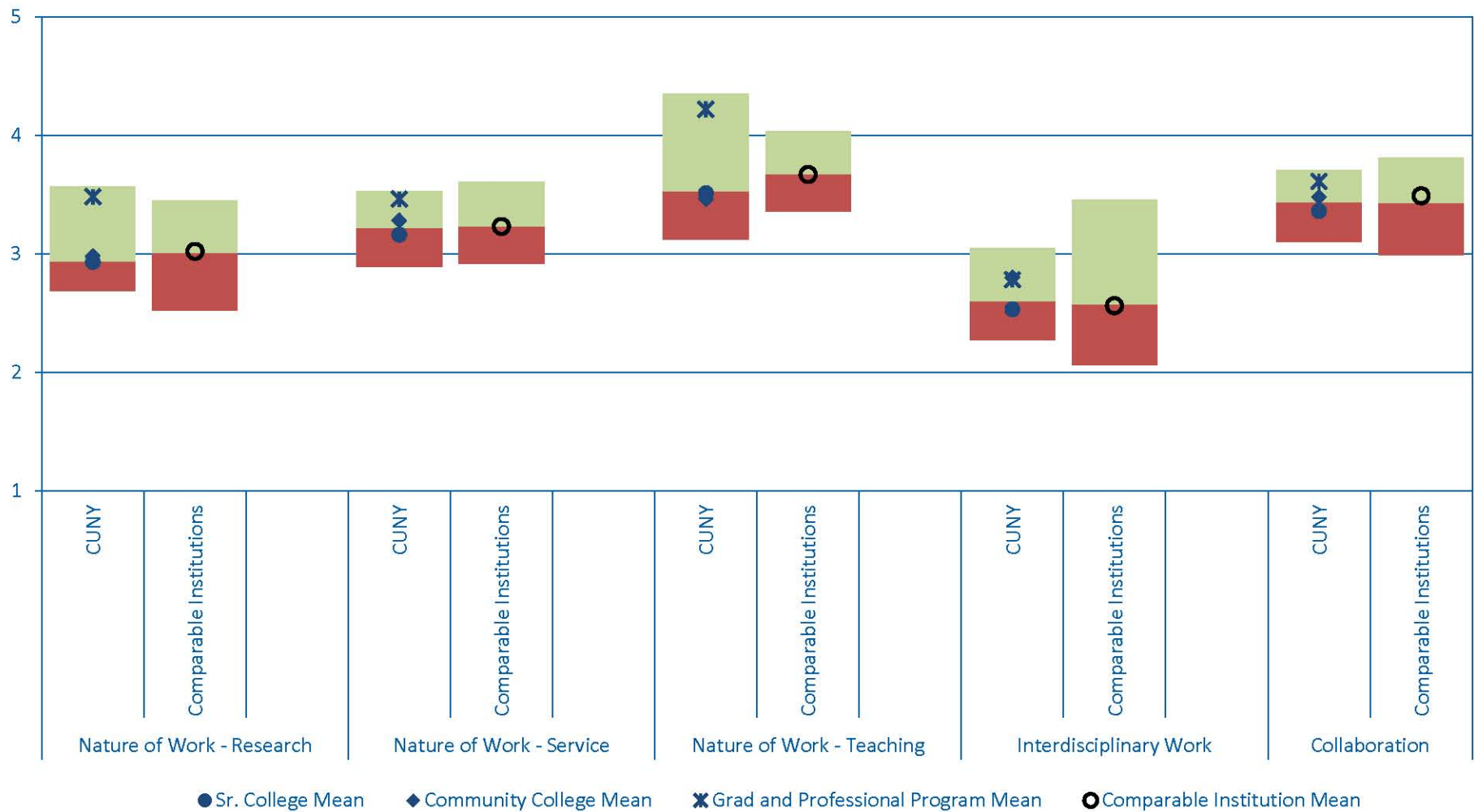
- Professorial rank (full or associate)
- Gender
- Race/ethnicity (white or faculty of color)

Topics Covered by the Survey

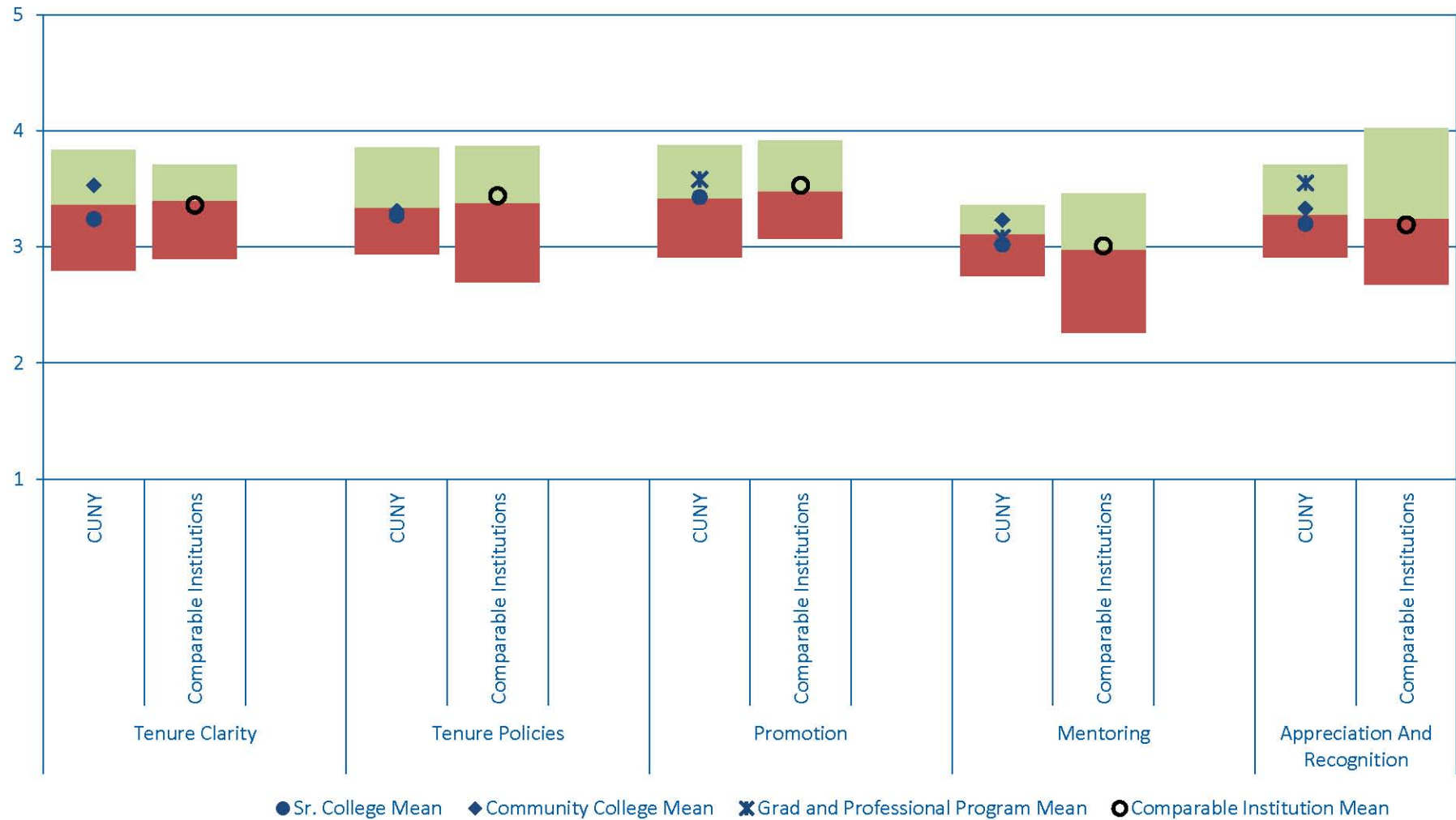
- Nature of the Work: Research, Teaching, Service
- Resources and support
- Collaboration, Mentoring
- Tenure, Promotion
- Leadership/Shared Governance
- Engagement
- Work and personal life balance
- Climate, culture, collegiality
- Appreciation and recognition
- Recruitment and retention
- Global measures of satisfaction

OVERVIEW OF CUNY-WIDE RESULTS

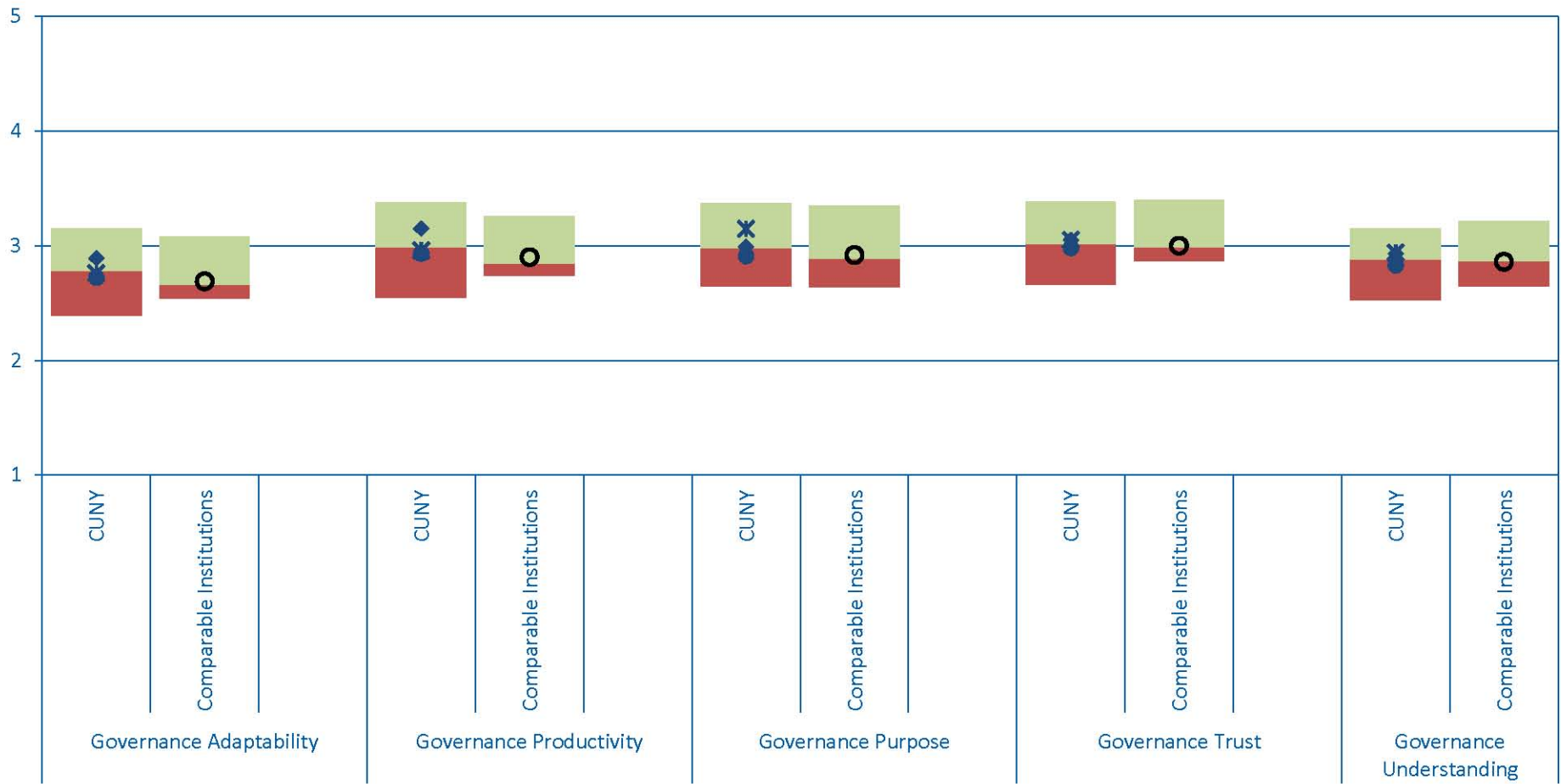
Nature of Work, Collaboration and Interdisciplinary Work



Tenure, Promotion, Mentoring and Appreciation & Recognition

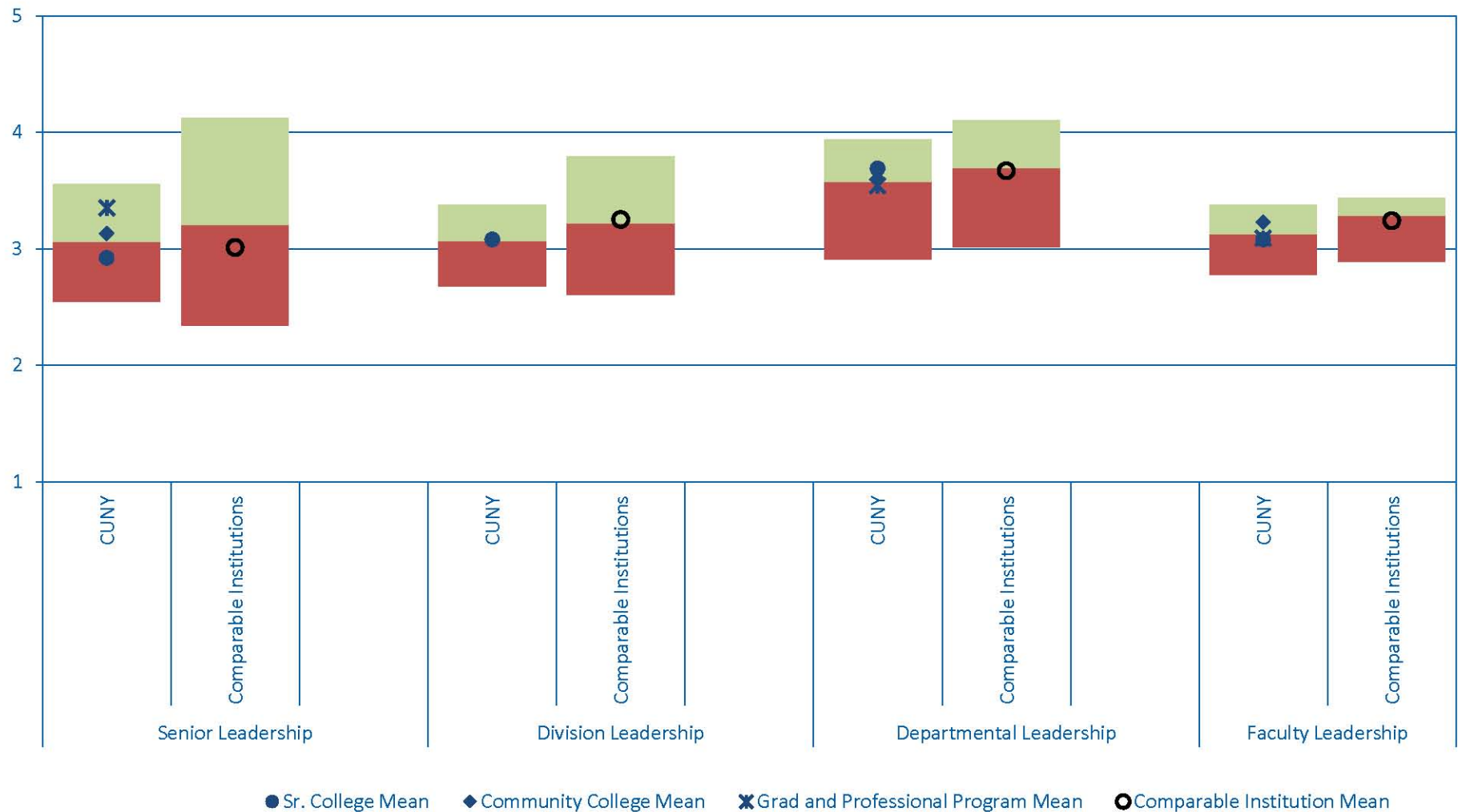


Shared Governance

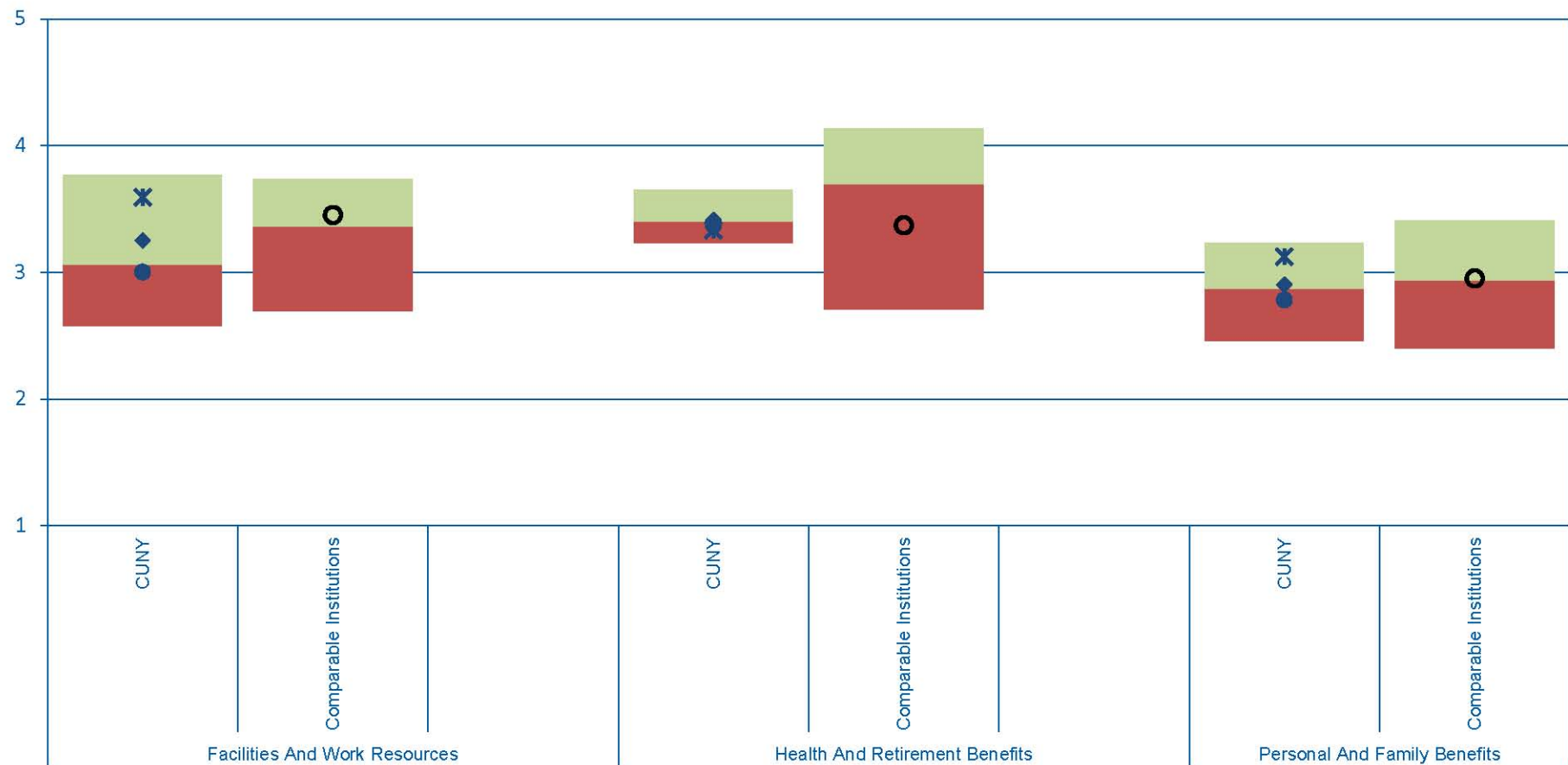


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Collaborative Leadership

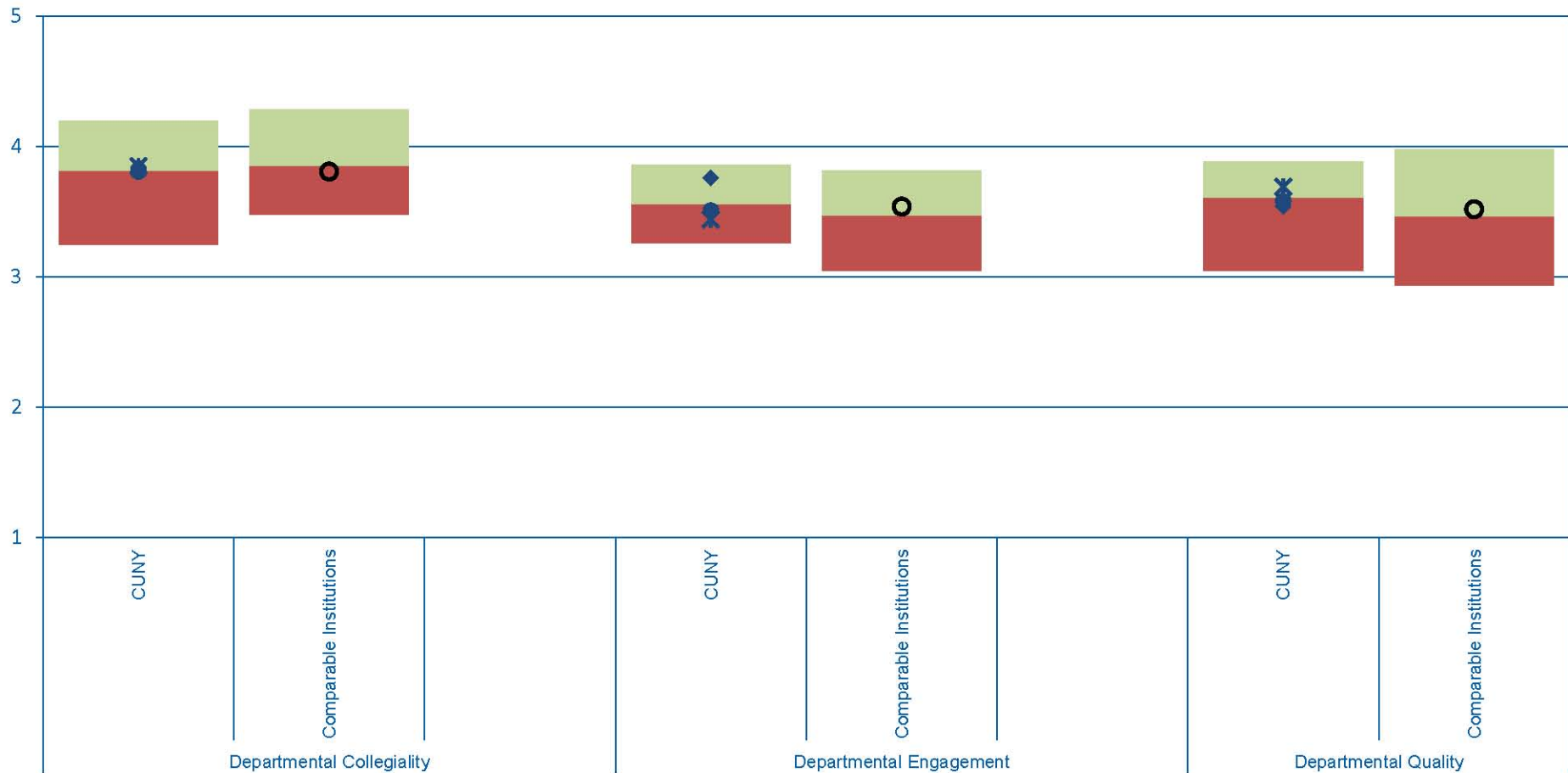


Facilities and Benefits



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Best and Worst Aspects of Work at CUNY

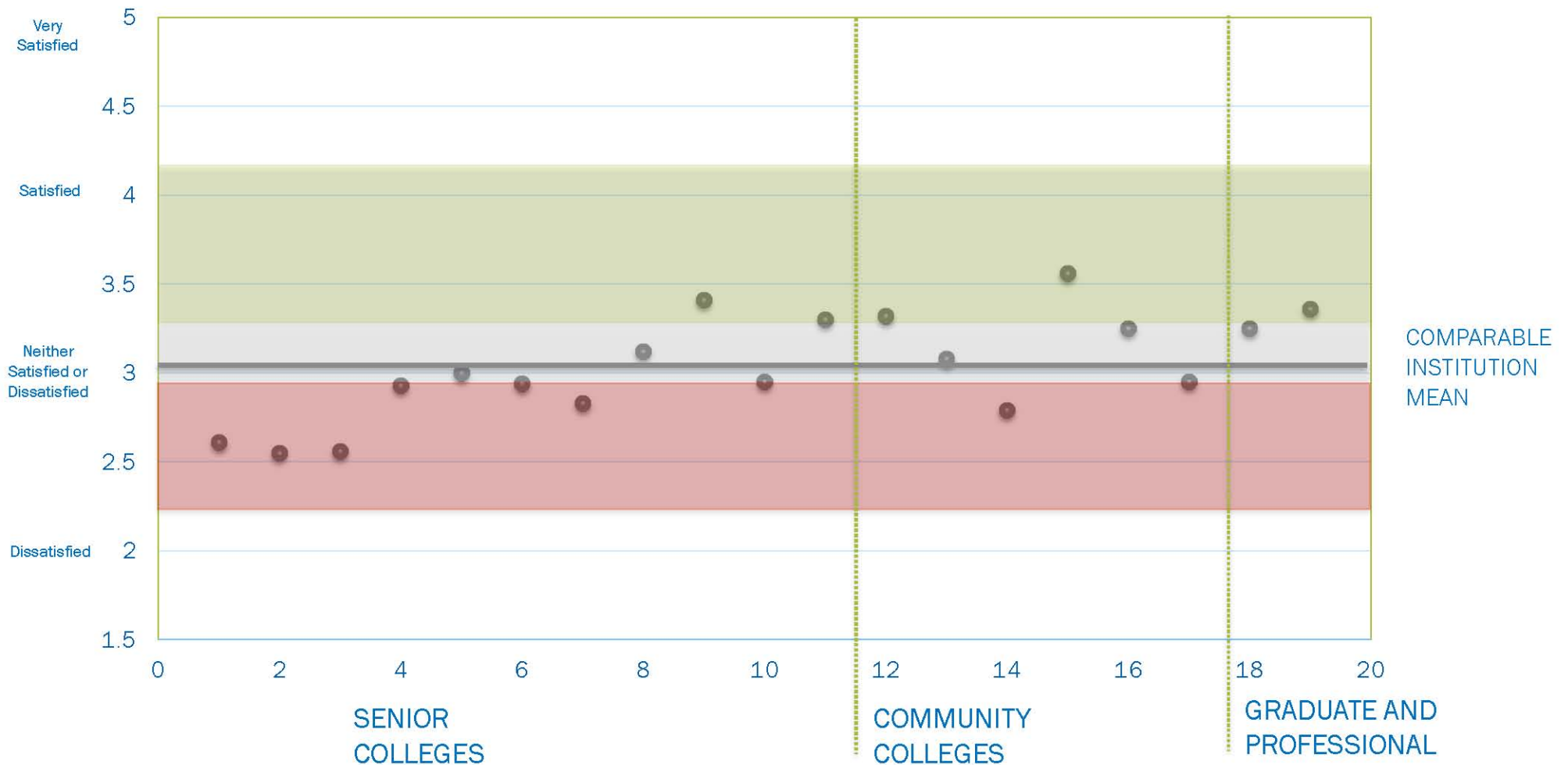
	Senior Colleges	Community Colleges	Graduate and Professional
Best	Geographic Location	Quality of Colleagues	Quality of Graduate Students
	Quality of Colleagues	Geographic Location	Quality of Colleagues
	Diversity	Diversity	Geographic Location
Worst	Compensation	Teaching Load	Compensation
	Teaching Load	Compensation	Cost of Living
	Quality of Facilities	Lack of Support for Research/Creative Work	Quality of Facilities/Commute

ADDITIONAL DATA IN SELECTED AREAS

Senior Leadership:

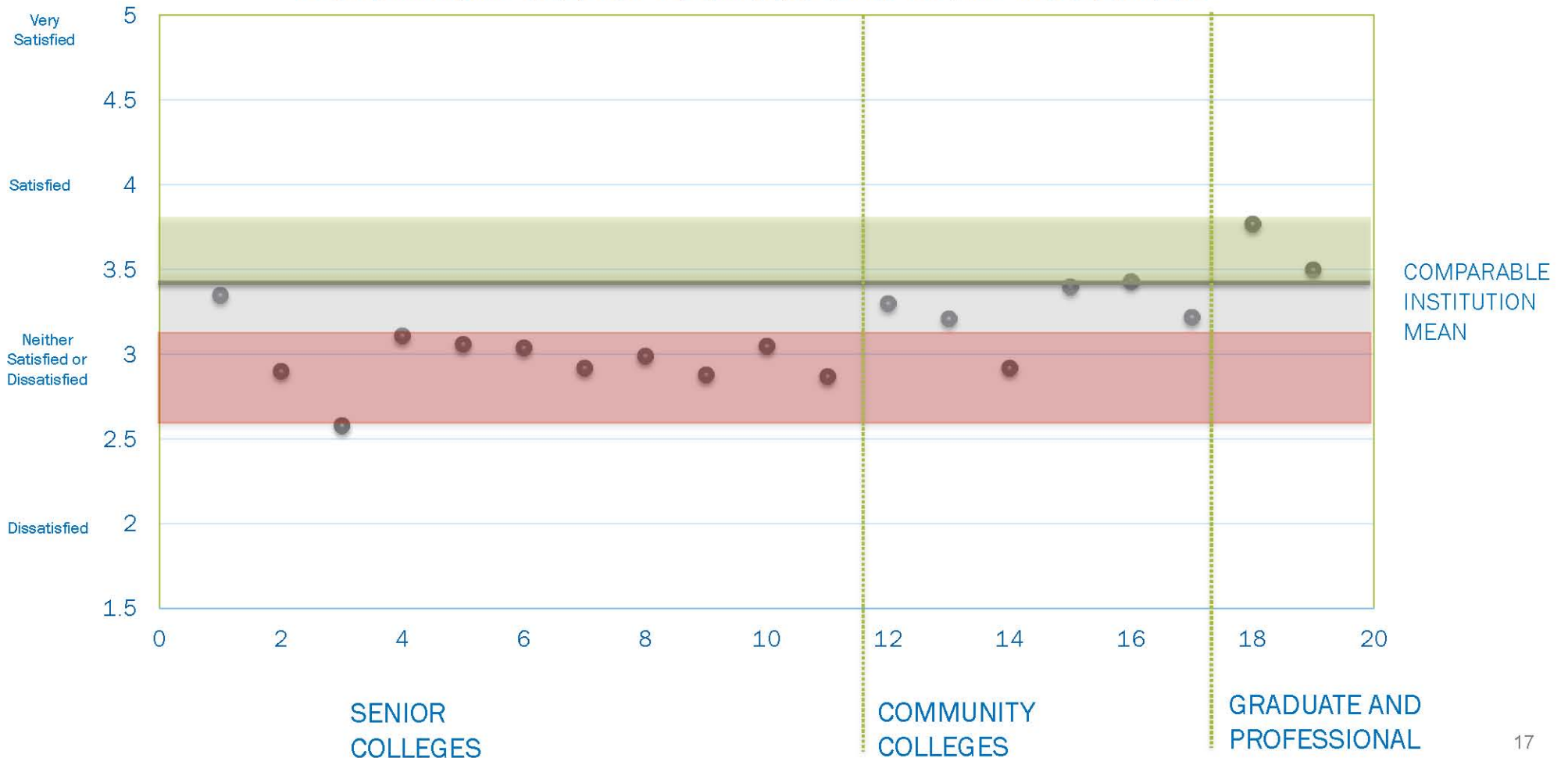
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Benchmark Score: Senior Leadership



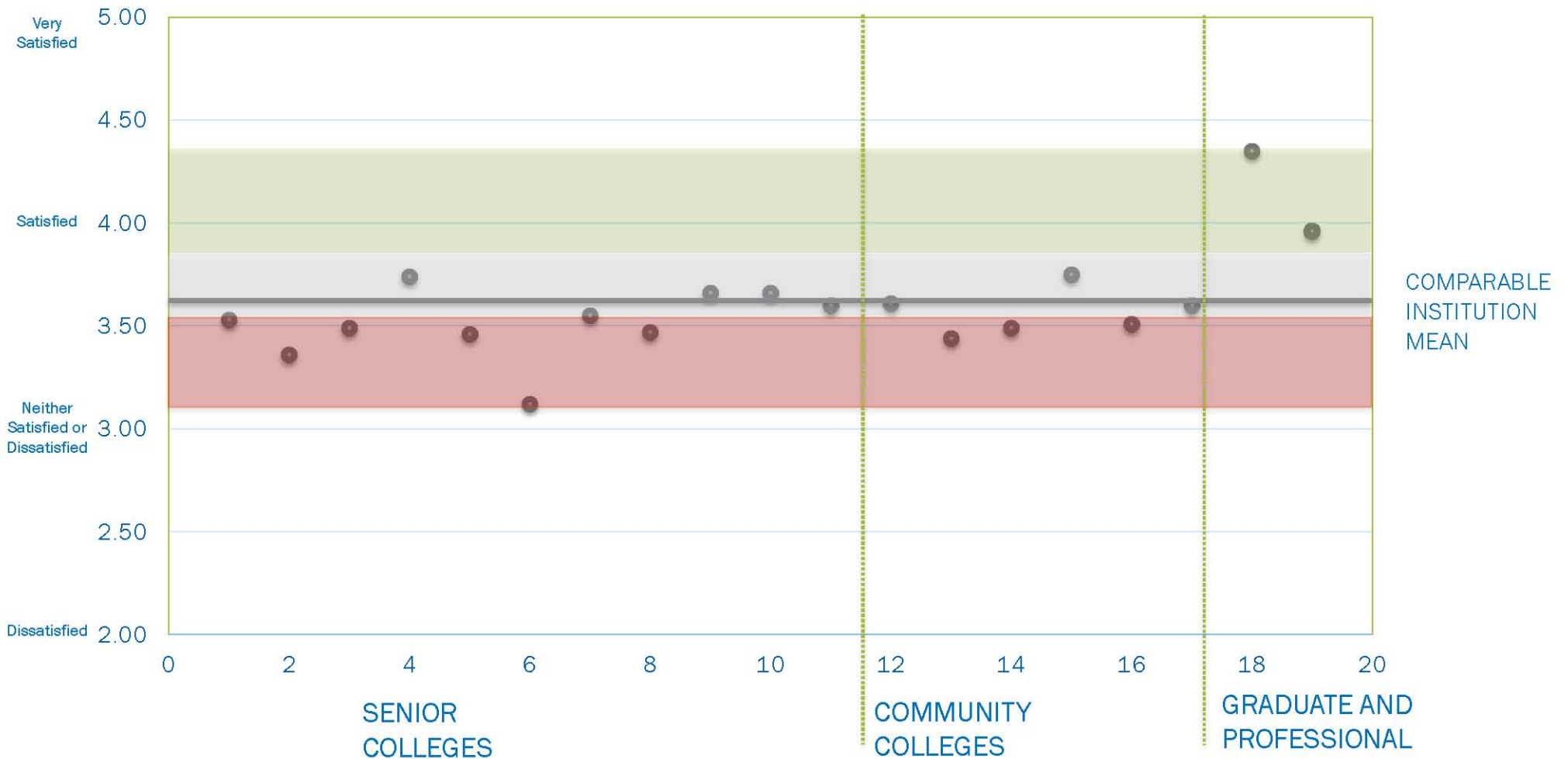
Facilities and Work Resources: Across CUNY colleges, mean responses were mostly in the below average range.

Benchmark Score: Facilities and Work Resources



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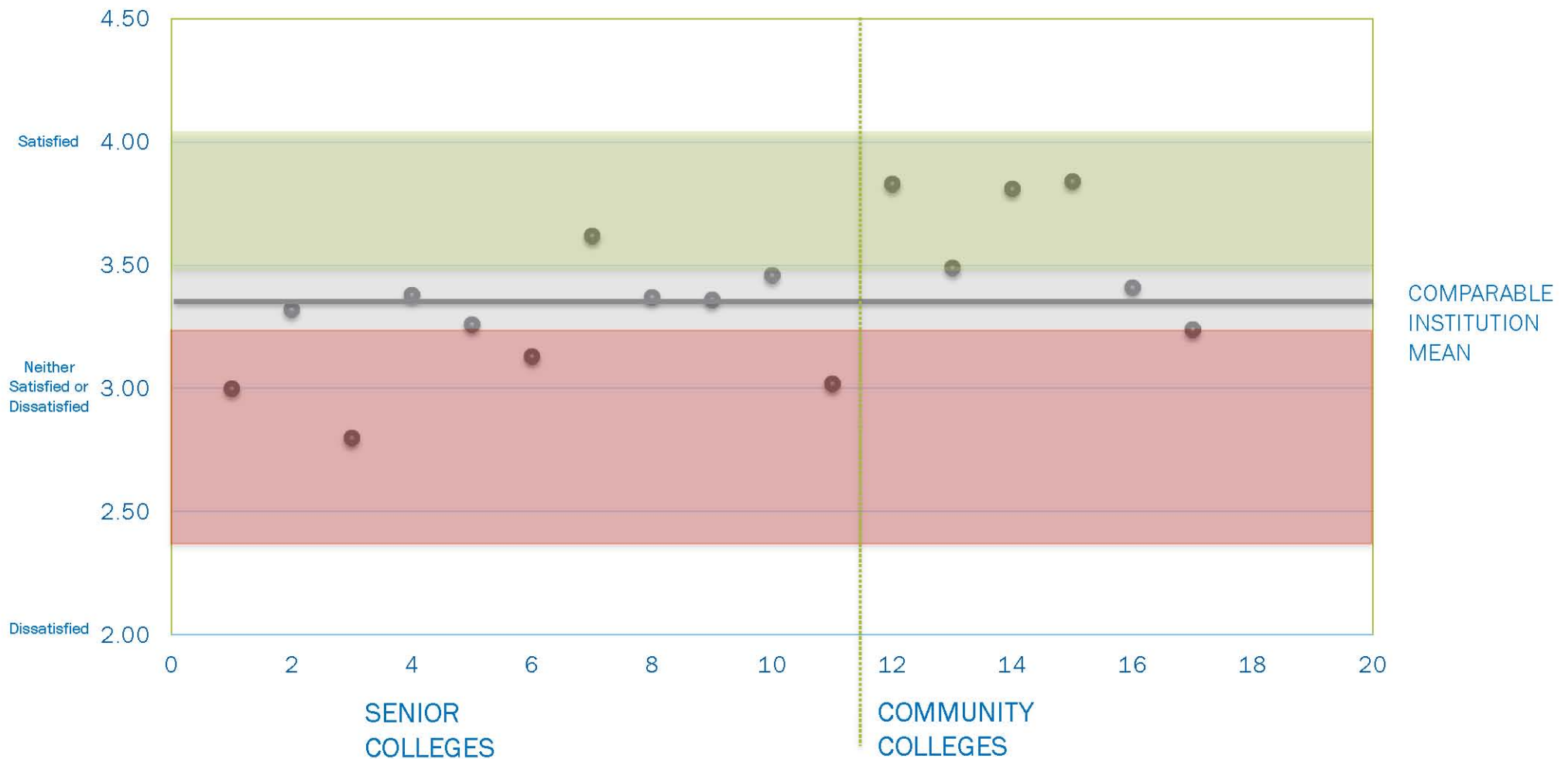
Benchmark Score: Teaching



Tenure Clarity:

Across CUNY colleges, mean responses exhibited a fair amount of variability.

Benchmark Score: Tenure Clarity



Group Differences: CUNY Faculty vs. Faculty at Comparable Institutions

Benchmark	Pre-Tenure	Associate	Women	Faculty of Color
Appreciation And Recognition		Lower		
Collaboration		Lower		
Departmental Collegiality				
Departmental Engagement				
Departmental Leadership				
Departmental Quality				
Division Leadership		Lower	Lower	Lower
Facilities And Work Resources		Lower	Lower	Lower
Faculty Leadership			Lower	Lower
Governance Adaptability	Higher	Higher		
Governance Productivity	Higher	Higher		
Governance Purpose				
Governance Trust				Lower
Governance Understanding				

Higher than its comparison group

Lower than its comparison group

Group Differences: CUNY Faculty vs. Faculty at Comparable Institutions - continued

Benchmark	Pre-Tenure	Associate	Women	Faculty of Color
Health And Retirement Benefits	Higher	Higher	Higher	Lower
Interdisciplinary Work	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher
Mentoring	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher
Nature of Work - Research	Higher	Lower	Lower	Lower
Nature of Work - Service	Higher	Lower	Lower	Lower
Nature of Work - Teaching	Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower
Personal And Family Benefits	Higher	Lower	Lower	Lower
Promotion	Higher	Lower	Lower	Lower
Promotion Assoc	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher
Senior Leadership	Lower	Lower	Lower	Lower
Tenure Clarity	Higher	Higher	Higher	Lower
Tenure Policies	Lower	Higher	Higher	Lower

Higher than its comparison group

Lower than its comparison group

QUESTIONS?

APPENDIX

Key to Indexes in Slides 7-12

Benchmark	Code
Nature of Work	1 - Very Dissatisfied
Collaboration	2 - Dissatisfied
Leadership	3 - Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
Departmental Quality	4 - Satisfied
Departmental Collegiality	5 - Very Satisfied
Personal & Family Benefits	
Health & Retirement Benefits	
Appreciation & Recognition	
Facilities & Work Resources	

Key to Slides 7-12, Continued

Benchmark	Code
Interdisciplinary Work	1 – Strongly Disagree
Mentoring	2 – Disagree
Governance	3 – Neither Agree or Disagree
	4 – Agree
	5 – Strongly Agree
Tenure Policies	1 – Very Unclear
Tenure Clarity	2 – Somewhat Unclear
Promotion	3 – Neither Clear nor Unclear
	4 – Somewhat Clear
	5 – Very Clear
Departmental Engagement	1 – Never
	2 – Seldom
	3 – Occasionally
	4 – Regularly
	5 – Frequently