



Poll Results from the URTA Town Hall Meeting (July 21, 2020)

URTA Town Hall Meetings were held via Zoom

An additional Town Hall meeting took place on July 20, but live polling was not utilized.

Attendees (theater faculty & administrators from universities and theater staff) were asked to answer live polls. They answered these polls as individuals, not as official spokespersons on behalf of their theater or university.

Fall Return

19 individuals responded from 14 universities/organizations

Is your department returning for in-person instruction in the Fall?	% of Total
Yes, we will be back on campus in the Fall	16%
No, we will be teaching online in the Fall	26%
We will be using a hybrid model of instruction	58%

If you are returning to campus, has your university put out specific guidelines regarding safety protocols for returning?	% of Total
Yes	63%
No	11%
N/A - we are not returning to campus	26%

Have you seen a drop in your anticipated incoming class size?	% of Total
Yes	42%
No	32%
Uncertain	26%

If so, have students been primarily deferring until a later date, or choosing to disenroll?	% of Total
Students are deferring until next year	11%
Students are disenrolling completely	5%
An even mix of both	32%
N/A - we haven't had students drop	53%

Budget/Recruiting Impact

18 individuals responded from 14 universities/organizations

Is your department seeing significant budget and resource cuts due to Covid-19?	% of Total
Yes	56%
No	28%
Unknown	17%

Has Covid-19 impacted your recruitment plans for the year?	% of Total
Yes - we will no longer be recruiting a class for entry in Fall 2021	11%
Yes - we will be accepting a significantly smaller class for entry in Fall 2021	6%
No - as of now, our recruitment plans remain unchanged	39%
Uncertain	44%

If you will still be recruiting this year, has your travel budget for recruiting been impacted?	% of Total
Yes - my recruiting travel budget has been reduced	17%
Yes - my recruiting travel budget has been completely cut/no travel allowed	28%
No - my recruiting travel budget is still intact	11%
Uncertain	44%

Productions

17 individuals responded from 14 universities/organizations

As of now, will your department be producing a season this school year?	% of Total
Yes	76%
Uncertain	18%
Spring only	6%
No	0%

If you are producing a season, how will you be presenting the productions?	% of Total
Productions will be presented live and in-person with social distancing measures	6%
Productions will be presented in a hybrid format	41%
Productions will be fully virtual	53%

Has your department provided performance/production-specific guidelines for addressing Covid-19 safety measures?	% of Total
Yes	6%
No	6%
These are still in development	88%

Has Covid-19 impacted your plans to hire Guest Artists (Directors, Designers, Actors) for productions?	% of Total
We still plan to hire the same number of Guest Artists for our productions	18%
We plan to reduce the number of Guest Artists we hire	24%
We plan to hire more Guest Artists this year	12%
Uncertain	35%
N/A	12%

22 individuals from the following 17 universities/organizations took part in the polls during the Town Hall

URTA Members

- Louisiana State University
- San Diego State University
- Temple University
- UCLA
- University of Florida
- University of Iowa
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Virginia

Non-Members

- Alvernia University
- Ashland University
- HB Studio
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Portland Actors Conservatory
- SCAD
- Touchstone Theater/Moravian University
- University of North Texas
- USC