

PACE (Personal Assessment of the College Environment) Fall 2016 Results

**National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness (NILIE)** has synthesized from the literature four leadership or organizational systems ranging from coercive to collaborative. Per Likert (1967), the Collaborative System, which he termed System 4, generally produced better results in terms of productivity, job satisfaction, communication, and overall organizational climate. The other systems were Consultative System 3, Competitive System 2 and Coercive System 1. Most college climates fall into the Consultative System 3 across the four factors of the climate instrument.

In April 2012, October 2014 and October 2016, the Personal Assessment of the College Environment (PACE) survey was administered to employees at Barton Community College (Barton). The purpose of the survey was to obtain the perceptions of personnel concerning the college climate and to provide data to assist Barton in promoting more open and constructive communication among faculty, staff, and administrators.

The overall results from the PACE instrument in 2012, 2014 and 2016 indicate a **healthy campus climate with 2 out of 4 categories in Collaborative System 4 in 2016**. Of the more than 120 studies completed by NILIE, few institutions have been found to achieve a fully Collaborative (System 4) environment.

Year	Total Employees	Completed #	Completed %
Apr-12	422	181	42.90%
Oct-14	608	324	53.30%
Oct-16	560	338	60.40%

**Coercive=1, Competitive=2, Consultative=3, Collaborative=4**

Category Mean Scores	2012	Norm 2012	2014	Norm 2014	2016	Norm 2016
Student Focus	4.04	3.38	4.1	4.05	4.08	3.94
Teamwork	3.84	3.73	3.98	3.84	3.98	3.77
Supervisory	3.86	3.7	4	3.82	4.01	3.75
Institutional Structure	3.44	3.38	3.72	3.47	3.71	3.44

When comparing to the Norm Base, “which includes 69 different climate based studies conducted at two-year institutions since 2010, in 2012 Barton exceeded the Norm Base statistically in only in Supervisory Relationships. **In 2016, Barton exceeded the Norm Base in Student Focus, Institutional Structure, Supervisory Relationships, and Teamwork.**

At BCC, the overall PACE results yielded an overall 3.929 mean score. When disaggregated by the Personnel Classification demographic category of the PACE instrument, Administrators rated the campus climate the highest with a mean score of 4.206, followed by Faculty (3.914) and Staff (3.906).