



TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Total attendance 110

Total Evaluations: 68

CONFERENCE FOR FACULTY LEADERS

October 16-17, 2009

Conference Evaluation Form

1. Have you attended one or more of the previous Conferences for Faculty Leaders?
Check one: (41) Yes (27) No

2. General conference format and arrangements
Check one: (31) Excellent (30) Good (5) Fair (2) No Answer

3. General Session — “*Faculty Senate Best Practices*” (David Lydic, Austin Community College, and Fred Newbury, Richland College)
Check one: (26) Excellent (19) Good (6) Fair (17) No Answer

4. General Session — “*Follow up from the 81st Session of the Texas Legislature*” (Beaman Floyd, TCCTA Lobbyist)
Check one: (55) Excellent (11) Good () Fair (2) No Answer

5. General Session — “*Putting Our Heads Together: Discovering Solutions to new and Old Problems.*” (Terry Mouchayleh, Austin Community College)
Check one: (31) Excellent (22) Good (9) Fair (2) Poor

6. General Session — “*Achieving the Dream*” (Lucy Michal, El Paso Community College, Bobbie Hill, Coastal Bend College, and Cynthia Ferrell, Director, Gates Developmental Education Initiative)
Check one: (5) Excellent (28) Good (19) Fair (15) Poor

7. Luncheon Session— “*Legal Issues on the College Campus*” (Frank Hill, Attorney, Hill Gilstrap, Arlington)
Check one: (47) Excellent (13) Good (1) Fair (7) No Answer

8. What is your opinion concerning the total *length* of the conference?
Check one: (1) Too long (64) About right (3) Not long enough

9. What is your opinion concerning time allowed for discussion among conference participants?
Check one: (5) Too much (40) About right (20) Not enough

10. How beneficial do you think the conference was in contributing to your effectiveness as a campus faculty leader?
Check one: (32) Very beneficial (34) Beneficial (2) Not beneficial

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Conference Evaluation Comments

- Too much emphasis on developmental for too many years!
- What does developmental etc have to do with overall leadership. Speaker monotone.
- Overall the conference is an excellent opportunity to connect with leaders from other colleges and learn new things.
- The staff of TCCTA did an extraordinary job in planning and facilitating this conference. Great job.
- Go TCCTA! Packed with information worth taking back! Good food, well organized, great facility, and helpful staff.
- Us old people need a break every 50-55 minutes.
- Too much time on developmental.
- All conferences are beneficial. The only ones that are not are those interrupted by death.
- No More Developmental Ed!!! How about a session that demonstrates leadership in the humanities, liberal arts, social sciences?
- The program as a whole did not use our time well. We did not utilize the Friday time to best advantage. Overall, the concept of the conference was good, but the implementation left a lot to be desired, including providing an evaluation form which did not invite comments. Utilizing this type of form indicates a lack of desire to know what the participants actually think about the activities and programs.
- Break out sessions to focus on leadership criteria for Faculty Presidents and other officers.

Specific Comments — *“Faculty Senate Best Practices”*

- The “Best Practices” forum should have covered more structured “what is working” focus of information exchange for faculty associations and senates.
- Need more hands-on activities on “Best Practices” that reflect what is working for their organizations.
- The first part was excellent. Fred’s part was good, but not best practices.
- More negative than positive.
- Should be longer and perhaps offered as a breakout on Saturday. As offered at 3:30pm on Fridays, too many people are still in transit and the participants are those who arrived for committee meetings.

Specific Comments — *“Follow up from the 81st Session of the Texas Legislature”*

- The legislative update was excellent; however, we could have had another session afterwards which encouraged greater information exchange.
- Always excellent.
- Too short.

Specific Comments — *“Putting Our Heads Together: Discovering Solutions to new and Old Problems”*

- The first program on Saturday was okay, but dividing people by discipline does not encourage cross-discipline exchange of ideas which helps us to understand we all deal with many of the same issues.
- Getting started wasted time, so first part was rushed. Incomplete.
- Not long enough.
- A great idea, but the logistics of the room prevented good interaction (i.e. – long tables instead of round tables). Round tables would solve most of the problems. Also, the feedback was “spotty.” Is there a way to put ideas discussed online, along with the address of the originators, so we can contact that person if something sparks our interest?

Specific Comments — “*Achieving the Dream*”

- The subject matter was poor; not the presentation. The second program Saturday was not applicable to many of the attendees. A better approach might have been what can mainstream faculty do to assist DE for our students.
- Achieving the Dream presentation was too long for this audience.
- For those that teach math/developmental math this was good, but for all others – not really helpful.
- After about thirty minutes about a quarter of the audience were talking.
- Conclusions lacked data. Promises were based on false statistics. Someone called both presenters on this. One admitted that she may have wrongly explained the figures! Presentation sapped energy.
- Too much data read.
- Not general interests; not suitable for broad audiences; presenters were fine.
- Too long.
- Could be longer.
- Good info – too long.
- Too long - boring

Specific Comments — “*Legal Issues on the College Campus*”

- The legal issues forum was excellent. Mr. Hill gave an informative and important talk about the free speech issues. He also gave us significant information regarding when and how to deal with legal issues when they arise. It was good to hear about legal issues from the perspective of a teacher and teacher rights.
- Frank Hill is a treasure. Can we have him stuffed and displayed?
- Frank Hill’s presentation needed more volume. It was too soft. TCCTA should invest in lapel mics.
- Always excellent.
- Too short.
- Not long enough.