AXIO SURVEY

SURVEY REPORT

Summary

Survey Name:
Region 7 NACADA Conference - 2007

Offering Name:
Region 7 Conference Evaluation

Offering Date:
3/9/07 to 3/19/07

Statistics
Started: **286** out of **473**
Opted out before starting: **2**
Completed: **286**
Drop outs after starting: **0**

Average completion times:

- Average Time To Complete Survey: **26 minutes 4 seconds.**
- Average Time Spent Before Quitting: **Not enough information.**

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Question 1

Which of the following best describes your **primary role** at your institution?

Faculty Advisor (primary role teaching or research)	5 (1.75%)
Academic Advisor/Counselor (primary role advising)	221 (77.27%)
Advising Administrator	29 (10.14%)
Administrator with responsibilities over several areas, one of which is advising	23 (8.04%)
Graduate student	2 (0.7%)
Institutional position that supports advising, *e.g.,* Registrar,	3 (1.05%)

admissions, financial aid, technology specialist	
Affiliated with a college or university but not in any of the roles previously mentioned	3 (1.05%)
Not affiliated with an institution of higher education	0 (0%)
N/R	0 (0%)

Question 2

How many REGIONAL conferences have you attended before this conference?

None	160 (55.94%)
1-2	82 (28.67%)
3-4	27 (9.44%)
5 or more	17 (5.94%)
N/R	0 (0%)

Question 3

How did you find out about this meeting?

NACADA Website	65 (22.73%)
E-mail announcement from NACADA	99 (34.62%)
colleague	103 (36.01%)
supervisor	81 (28.32%)
N/R	1 (0.35%)

Comments Text:

- Campus advising association
- At last year's regional
- Our University attend NACADA yearly
- I received e-mail, but I also knew about it from our campus advisor association.
- UT & A&M hosted the event....Hook 'Em!
- I heard about the conference in a call for volunteers.

- Members of the conference planning committee approached me at the national convention.
- at last year's conferenece
- Learned about it at TEXAAN conference last year.
- I serve on a state steering committee
- My colleague had developed an academic advising group on campus that I attended and found out about NACADA..
- My supervisor mentioned it in a staff meeting and Texas A&M has a link from the University Advisors and Counselors website to continuing development which brought me to the NACADA website
- An announcement was sent through the UT advisors' listserv
- Our campus advisor/counselor organization.
- The conference hotel should have been nearer downtown Austin, around the lake. I suggest that you increase the registration costs to secure a better hotel at future regional conferences.
- Since I work at UT, I've been hearing about it for awhile.
- UT ACA participation
- Very good public relations about the conference.
- Through ACA (local chapter)
- Supervisor emailed to us.
- Our University help host the conference, so I knew about it for quite awhile!
- On the regional planning committee
- UT Austin co-sponsored it, so all UT advisors heard about it.
- Through Texas NACADA representatives at TEXXAAN officers meeting

Question 4

Please rate each of the motivating factors influencing your participation in this meeting.

4.1 Need for Professional Development

Little influence	27 (9.44%)
Some influence	85 (29.72%)
Strong influence	171 (59.79%)
N/R	3 (1.05%)

4.2 Location

Little influence	43 (15.03%)
Some influence	71 (24.83%)
Strong influence	171 (59.79%)
N/R	1 (0.35%)

4.3 Institution's current focus on assessment

Little influence	128 (44.76%)
Some influence	101 (35.31%)
Strong influence	52 (18.18%)
N/R	5 (1.75%)

4.4 Recommendation of Colleagues or Past Participants

Little influence	84 (29.37%)
Some influence	96 (33.57%)
Strong influence	102 (35.66%)
N/R	4 (1.4%)

Question 5

Were you a NACADA member prior to attending this meeting?

Yes	181 (63.29%)
No, but I joined NACADA when I registered for the Regional Conference.	98 (34.27%)
No, I am not a NACADA member.	7 (2.45%)
N/R	0 (0%)

Question 6

Comments regarding the preconference workshop you attended. Include your facilitator's name please.

- Shoefstall et al. Lamar University. I enjoyed the format they chose for this workshop. Gained some unseful information.
- UA Fayetteville presentation on assessment of academic advising was exceptional!!!!
- Did not attend.
- The preconference was very interesting. May be more free ones! I attended the "It's not High School Anymore: Providing Accurate Expectations to Incoming Freshman. Sherri Shoefstall....
- i did not attend the preconference workshops.

- N/A
- N/A
- Not applicable. I did not attend any this year.
- I attended the preconference workshop titled "It's Not High School Anymore" led by Lamar University faculty and staff. It was a really wonderful workshop. I was very pleased with the participation level.
- N/A
- Facilitator: Sherri Shoefstall The workshop was excellent and includes concepts and practices that can be easily implemented at any institution. I am going to be using some of this information on my campus this summer.
- Did not attend
- The motivation seminar was good.
- The session on assessment was good but more basic than I had anticipated. Good for people newer in the process (which I'm not) but I still picked up some good reminders. (facilitator - Charlie Nutt)
- N/A.
- It's great to know how to get more involved with NACADA at a higher level (officer, commission, etc).
- N/A
- Did you attend.
- na
- Did not attend.
- I didn't attend preconference workshops.
- Nutt's pre-conference workshop: Good workshop, always gives more ideas and keeps updating the information from what he learns as he travels and talks to others involved in assessment.
- Didn't attend any!
- did not attend
- did not attend any pre conference workshops
- Did not attend a preconference.
- Did not attend
- Jackson and Binkley--very disappointing; no focus on research; little games not connected to the topic; way too gimicky, even childish. Great topic, though. I wish they'd focused on synthesizing the latest research.
- The preconference workshop was very good. I learned a lot that could be applied at my institution. The session was It's Not High School Anymore:Providing accurate expectations to incoming freshman. Presented by Sherri Shoefstall,
- It seems to me that most pre-conference workshops could really be regular sessions. In most cases, the presenters need to trim the amount of material that they are trying to present in the pre-conference workshops -- it's too much!
- I would have liked to have actual tools or techniques to use with students in motivating them. Mike Jackson
- n/a

- It's not HS: Lamar U. Excellent. Brought home great ideas to use in group settings and one on one with advisees. Motivation Easily Understood: Oklahoma City U. Good, but brought home less to use.
- Susan and Charlie: Very entertaining and engaging. Very informative.
- Charlie Nutt--phenomenal
- Excellent. Cost was appropriate. Sherri Shoefstall
- "It's Not High School Anymore" - One of the presenters was not very open to questions/suggestions. It may have been a personality thing, but the other 3 presenters were WONDERFUL and made up for that issue.
- Did not attend one.
- N/A
- n/a
- Did not attend.
- Did not attend because of cost.
- The Jackson/Binkley workshop was very disappointing. They did not seem prepared and really only covered theory that I had learned in classes while in college.
- I attended the leadership development and intro to NACADA... Charlie Nutt Both were extremely informative....
- na
- Did not attend.
- none
- did not attend
- session on motivation did not provide any useful, applicable information
- I attended the workshop for new NACADA members. There was a chance to meet others who were also new.
- N/A
- Introduction to NACADA for New Conference Attendee and Members - Charlie Nutt presented and introduced himself and other officers. We had a chance to start meeting people which was good.
- I did not attend the preconference workshop.
- N/A
- Did not attend preconference workshops.
- Did not attende pre-conference workshop.
- N/A
- Charlie Nutt & Susan Campbell - Excellent! Gave me a whole new outlook on assessment.
- The workshop on advising research and grant writing by Dr. Victoria McGillin was informative and thorough. The interactive section where participants decided on whether or not to fund a proposal was both instructive and fun!
- I did not attend any of the preconference workshops.
- I was a presenter in a preconference workshop.
- I attended the new NACADA members workshop. I did have initial contact with several new faces. It was easier to mingle as the conference continued.

- Academic Advising as if Student Learning Matters - Charlie Nutt. The title was misleading and I didn't know it was going to be only about assessment, so I don't think I enjoyed it as much as others. I wasn't in the mindset.
- N/A
- NA
- I did not attend a preconference workshop
- NA
- did not attend
- I can not remember the names of the presenters. Colleagues from Angelo State University presented on the challenges faced by hispanic students and the role of the academic advisor in assisting them in navigating the university.
- The preconference workshop I attended was well organized and I gained some valuable insights on working with freshman students
- I did not attend any of the preconferecen workshops
- Did not attend a preconference workshop.
- did not attend
- Pre-Conference for new members could have been alot better. I think a better explanation of what all NACADA does would have been great.
- N/A
- I attended "It's Not HS Anymore:Providing Accurate Expectations to Incoming Freshman." Akilah Lewis, Lamar Univ-powerpoint & presentation very informational.Group input made info ez to remember & implement.
- Did not attend
- The preconference workshop with Charlie Nutt was pretty good. He should do more of them.
- Did not attend a pre-conference workshop.
- I did not attend Preconference workshops.
- They were all very informative and really help to easy any second thoughts I might had. About attending the conference.
- Did not attend.
- It was good
- The pre-conference session re: Motivation was very disappointing. I did not learn anything new or really worth taking to my students.
- not applicable
- Did not attend
- I participated in the Leadership Session and really enjoyed conversations about leadership in NACADA and sharing that with others. Lead presenters were Charlie Nutt and Jo Anne Huber
- Intro to Advising Research and NACADA Grant process (McGillin) - The material was strong and the presenter obviously knew what she was doing. The subject pairing of the advising research and the Grant process seemed forced.
- n.a.
- Did not attend any preconference workshops.

- Dr. Gillian presented a wonderful workshop on proposed research and grant submissions to NACADA. Very realistic and workable. Enjoyed the sesssion and look forward to attending it at the National Conference in October.
- N/A
- Charlie Nutt and Susan Cambell. It was great, very helpful as we move toward Assessment based on Learning Outcomes.
- Did not attend, although some of them looked excellent
- n/a
- Assessment with Nutt and Campbell. Overall, it was excellent. Great information. Could have used more specific examples of learning outcomes.
- n/a
- I did not attend a pre-conference workshop.
- Motivating Students: Mike Jackson
- n/a
- N/A
- I did not attend the preconference workshops.
- didn't attend
- n/a
- We did not have anyone attend the preconference workshop.
- Did not attend
- none attended
- N/A
- na
- Enjoyed the free sessions. Thanks!
- none
- It's Not High School Anymore was wonderful and the facilitators from Lamar University were great. They had wonderful ideas and the exercise created even more. I would like to see more from their ongoing research.
- Charlie and Susan's workshop on assessment was by far the best session I have ever attended at a NACADA conference. It was great!
- I attended the one on Motivation Easily Understood. Michael Jackson and Denise Binkley. I did not get as much out of it as I thought. It was very difficult to hear Michael at times.
- Facilitators were: Sherri Shoefstall, Judith Mann, Akilah Lewis and Kristyn Hunt. Session was okay. Did not "set up" group activity well, so participants did not know what was expected of them.
- none
- Preconference workshops were very good and interesting. I think they weree the best of the conference.
- It's not HS anymore:S.Shoefstall,J.Mann,A. Lewis,K.Hunt.Really enjoyed fun&engaging presentation delivery.Group activity was productive & useful &perfect for time alotted.But, J.Mann had control issues w/other presenters.
- Did not attend.
- Motivation Easily Understood, Michael Jackson and Denise Binkley. I would have preferred more discussion and less activities.

- Did not attend.

Question 7

Overall, I thought the conference was: Using the following scale, please indicate your evaluation of the following conference related issues:

7.1 Advanced mailings and publicity

Excellent	109 (38.11%)
Good	131 (45.8%)
Fair	33 (11.54%)
Needs improvement	6 (2.1%)
N/R	2 (2.45%)

7.2 Conference location

Excellent	166 (58.04%)
Good	78 (27.27%)
Fair	23 (8.04%)
Needs improvement	16 (5.59%)
N/R	0 (1.05%)

7.3 Lodging facilities

Excellent	49 (17.13%)
Good	67 (23.43%)
Fair	40 (13.99%)
Needs improvement	51 (17.83%)
N/R	1 (27.62%)

7.4 Conference facilities

Excellent	77 (26.92%)

Good	125 (43.71%)
Fair	58 (20.28%)
Needs improvement	25 (8.74%)
N/R	1 (0.35%)

7.5 Registration process

Excellent	168 (58.74%)
Good	93 (32.52%)
Fair	14 (4.9%)
Needs improvement	5 (1.75%)
N/R	0 (2.1%)

7.6 Pre-Conference Workshops

Excellent	37 (12.94%)
Good	32 (11.19%)
Fair	12 (4.2%)
Needs improvement	3 (1.05%)
N/R	5 (70.63%)

7.7 Welcome reception & Keynote: Alice Reinarz

Excellent	99 (34.62%)
Good	87 (30.42%)
Fair	27 (9.44%)
Needs improvement	9 (3.15%)
N/R	0 (22.38%)

7.8 Opening reception

Excellent	100 (34.97%)
Good	98 (34.27%)

Fair	15 (5.24%)
Needs improvement	3 (1.05%)
N/R	1 (24.48%)

7.9 Conference materials provided (program, bag, etc.)

Excellent	154 (53.85%)
Good	104 (36.36%)
Fair	15 (5.24%)
Needs improvement	9 (3.15%)
N/R	0 (1.4%)

7.10 Meals

Excellent	133 (46.5%)
Good	97 (33.92%)
Fair	41 (14.34%)
Needs improvement	9 (3.15%)
N/R	1 (2.1%)

7.11 Second Keynote address: Darlene Grant

Excellent	172 (60.14%)
Good	57 (19.93%)
Fair	17 (5.94%)
Needs improvement	11 (3.85%)
N/R	3 (10.14%)

7.12 Lunch and Awards Presentation

Excellent	77 (26.92%)
Good	130 (45.45%)

Fair	40 (13.99%)
Needs improvement	9 (3.15%)
N/R	3 (10.49%)

7.13 Variety of sessions

Excellent	111 (38.81%)
Good	128 (44.76%)
Fair	32 (11.19%)
Needs improvement	11 (3.85%)
N/R	0 (1.4%)

7.14 State meetings

Excellent	28 (9.79%)
Good	55 (19.23%)
Fair	37 (12.94%)
Needs improvement	43 (15.03%)
N/R	5 (43.01%)

7.15 Overall, I thought the conference was

Excellent	111 (38.81%)
Good	137 (47.9%)
Fair	31 (10.84%)
Needs improvement	4 (1.4%)
N/R	1 (1.05%)

Question 8

Write-in comments regarding any of the above aspects of the conference (232 character limit)

- My state meeting was not organized well. However, the concurrent sessions I attended were excellent.
- The conference seemed to feel more like a TACADA (Texas Association not Region 7). To come from another state and feel out of place was not right. The presenters were almost all from TX and the other states didn't seem represented.
- Upon recommendation of NACADA I reserved a room in the Howard Johnosn Hotel. Hotel staff entered our room while sleeping W/OUT our invitation or permission & removed personal items that had need mgt involvement to retrieve.
- I wish there were more restruants within the distance my travel partner was willing to walk.
- Some sessions standing room only-remove big tables, add more chairs. Two sessions attended didn't match session description in program, and were disappointing.
- The Learning Games and Transfer sessions were very good.
- The Howard Johnson lodging facility appeared to be mainly for truck drivers. It wasn't of excellent quality that NACADA usually provide.
- Dr. Grants video was so moving and took to heart making us realize that our students are not just what they appear to be ... that there is so much depth to them that we may not realize.
- It was a very good conference for those who were in attendance. I feel it would have been better if it was more explicit that the conference was for "professional advisors." We know this now and will save to go to the National Con
- Check on lodging recommendations. Howard Johnsons was not a good place to stay I was told
- Almost all of the presenters were from Texas schools. I understand the conference was in Texas and was probably primarily attended by representatives from Texas schools, but I feel like there could have been some wider prospectives
- Please consider offering maybe two to three topic selections per hour block instead of several. Thanks!
- There were so many sessions-it was hard to choose! That is a wonderful problem to have.
- There was a little too much time for lunch on Friday. If I'd been staying at the hotel I would have gone upstairs for a nap. An hour and a half would have been plenty of time.
- Regarding the program: I would like to see more retention and career development type sessions spread out better over the entirety of the conference. It seemed as though 3 of the only sessions dealing with that were all on Saturday.
- Dr. Grant's address was wonderful!!!
- the session on psychology, mind, and motivation was not what i thought it would be. there was no correlation to academic advisement.
- I think Darlene Grant should have been the opening speaker. She was very inspiring!
- Darlene Grant's address had nothing but the most tenuous connection to advising; I will avoid any speech or presentation she gives from now on. Very disappointing.
- Just recommend to have wireless mics for the presenters as some speak in a soft voice that is hard to hear their presentation. If you can't hear, then way attend their session.
- I registered early, but was unable to obtain lodging at the conference hotel. Next time there need to be more rooms put aside at the same location of the conference at the conference rate.
- I did not stay at the confeence hotel.
- I was very dissatisfied with the accomodations, shuttle service, and conference location. I ended up having to rent a car as an out of pocket expense due to the location of my hotel and lack of near by resturants.
- The conference had mostly large, state schools in attendance so it was hard for me to find common school ground for me (from a private 4-yr - 1,350 students). Could find nothing to do with faculty advising.
- I was very displeased with the hotel accomadations. We were placed on the third floor where plaster was hanging from the ceiling, the inside door frame was rusting and the tub had residue left due to a bath mat that was taken up.

- I really enjoyed hearing from students in the student panel in one of the workshops! That was the best part of the entire conference in my opinion.
- Wish the conference hotel had been closer to the downtown and UT area so we could have walked to the campus, restaurants, etc. We spent a great deal on taxis!
- The Texas State meeting was embarrassing to our profession. It was mishandled, if handled at all.
- Very dissappointed in lodging, overflow hotels, and area of Austin in which conference was held. Could we not have been closer to downtown, not in bad part of town? Conf hotel's breakout rooms not ideal, having to move partitions.
- You may have problems with answers to questions 4 & 10, as the rating scale is opposite from the rest of the survey: question 4 & 10 ratings go worst to best and then in question 7 ratings go best to worst. I hope people READ.
- It would have been great to have more room available at conference hotel at conference rate
- I was a bit disappointed with the facilities. The rooms were mostly crowded and too close together. One could often hear the presenter next door as well.
- Hotel location was not ideal. One without transportation was stuck with two rather poor resturant choices. Meeting rooms were adequate--may have been fine for a smaller conference. Heard other presentations at the same time.
- I found it difficult and awkward to meet in the main ballroom then have that room divided up for the sessions. By the end of the day the table cloths were dirty and there were dirty dishes and trash on the tables.
- While Dr. Grant's work is amazing, its connection to advising seemed tenuous at best.
- The Texas State meeting was not well organized, and I was not a member of Texaan. It was not clear whether or not I had to be a member to attend the meeting or vote.
- The Texas state meeting was painfully disorganized. No one explained the election and voting process and halfway through everyone was just throwing votes to anyone to get it over with.
- I would have like more information to be published in advance on the NACADA website -- the schedule wasn't posted as soon as I needed it.
- Would have liked to have a list of participants in hand. Please add phone numbers on restaurant sheets. I believe workshop implies end product of ideas or tools. The hotel did a great job on food but the bathrooms were poor.
- I thought this conference was better than NACADA in Indianapolis! The session topics and presenters were great! Well prepared with pertinent nformation.
- Very comfortable, staff very helpful. Room not made up when I got there, but mgr corrected immediately, gave free room service to apologize. One problem, traffic noise made it hard to sleep.Conference itself: EXCELLENT!!!
- Variety of Sessions: The variety was really good but it seemed like the best ones were at the same time....
- The sesssions I attended were good, but many of the sessions were very specific and did not apply to my situation. Maybe more "general" sessions and fewer "specific" sessions. Just a thought.
- It was sad to see the luncheon and awards so lightly attended--same with the opening reception. Too much lag time allowed people to step out and go elsewhere, I guess...
- The state meeting for Texas was very disorganized, though it seemed well intended. The restroom situation in the hotel was inconvenient and overall the conference facilities seemed cramped and not made for a program of this size.
- The conference break out rooms didn't really work--there was constantly competition of noise from adjoining rooms and it was distracting. did not care for the round table set up.
- Great conference...don't use that hotel again! Poor service etc. They did ok on the conference side, but not the lodging side.
- Meeting rooms were noisy. Not enough variety in presentations (too many on first year experience!). I couldn't get a room at the Crown Plaza and the HoJo was a dump. The mariachi band was a nice idea, but so loud we couldn't talk.

- I would like more workshops offered, even if it means offering a presentation twice. I missed out on so much due to being the only attendee from my institution. Seeing the info online isn't the same.
- Need to acknowlege the presenters with a small gift to say thank you for taking the time to do this. Need to show in the discription of the sessions if they are partaining to 2 or 4 year institutions.
- I was especially impressed with UNT's Advising Guidebook.
- Meeting size was straining available conference facilities.
- Food- a little less greasy, fresh fruit and vegetables
- Website did not include the abstracts for all of the concurrent sessions so could not preplan schedule with colleagues.
- It was a good meeting, although I don't have anything to compare it to.
- great job!
- Dr. Darlene Grant is exceptional and inspirational. Thank you for inviting someone from a different perspective.
- Both keynote speakers were excellent and set a positive tone for the conference. Sessions that I attended were very good to excellent.
- the food was good but a bit too heavy for every meal - some lighter options would have been nice. I would have also enjoyed some structured entertainment away from the hotel - I don't feel like I was in Texas.
- As a presenter, I was extremely pleased that Ann Permian was so supportive and available.
- the hotel situation was not very good. the hotel rooms were very poor and uncomfortable.
- The descriptions for some of the sessions were misleading. Some did not cover anything that was described.
- I would like the program to indicate the level of experience that the sessions are for. I attended two sessions that were more for "novice" advisors.
- While a few of the meeting rooms were more than adequate in size to accomadate the workshops, most were too small and extremely uncomfortable.
- I appreciate Diana Matteson for keeping me informed about openings to the conference so that I had an opportunity to come. The keynote speaker Darlene Grant was very good, but may have been a little heavy first thing Saturday am.
- I attended some great sessions and got some very helpful information that will help me improve my program. This conference was a wonderful professional development opportunity for me and will influence great change in my work.
- The sponosoring organizations and the individuals/groups that did all the ground work of pulling this conference together, then executing conferences tasks did an amazing job...everything flowed like clock work! Outstanding job!
- n/a
- Needed to have more rooms available for attendees to stay at host hotel
- The hotel was less than desired. We arrived at 6:00 p.m. after having driven all day only to find that the rooms were not ready.
- The large crowd was handled well by J.P. and Mike. Good move to give the women more bathrooms!
- I ended up staying at the Howard Johnson & it was HORRIBLE! That never should have been a recommened hotel. Also, I can't believe there was not a dinner on the first night and the "heavy" hor dorves on Friday night were cra[p.
- Darlene Grant was WONDERFUL. provided great motivation!
- Need to have an area large enough that all who requested could attend and not shut down.
- Normally, I would rate the overall conference higher, but the hotel experience brought it down. It is worth increasing the conference registration to secure a better hotel.
- Particpating as a speaker in the preconference workshop gave me great experience and allowed me to meet people from other schools.
- Several presenters were fouled out by slow internet speed. Sometimes hard to find a workshop of interest.
- I loved the student mariachi band at the reception-such fun!

- Need to have conferences in locations that can actually accomodate everyone. You will probably have more participation in all events if you do. Planners should see what else is going on in the city before deciding on a city & date.
- I've only been to 2 state meetings, so I don't know a lot about it. But, the whole election process seemed a bit strange. People were nominated on the spot, and we ended up voting for people based on what they say in about 2 min.
- I was disappointed in the choice of overflow rooms. We were lodged at the Howard Johnson and were extremely disappointed in the motel. Shuttle service was limited. I feel that a better choice of hotels could have been chosen.
- It was my first conference and I had nothing to compare to. I did enjoy myself though and found several sessions quiet informative.
- The quality of the workshops, for the most part, was excellent.
- It would be nice if on the description of the seminar that the institution listed some info on there college or Univ. Ex. Pop. size
- The Crowne Plaza Hotel desk staff were underpared and/or borderline incompetent, the conference facilities and staff were great
- Our reservation w/Howard Johnson was totally unacceptable. A co-worker found a used surenge in her room. We asked NACADA hositality for help but all we recieved was an attitude with no assistance and much disappointment.
- NA
- The workshop I attended were very helpful. The presenters were knowledgeable of all the information being delivered. I received lots of information that will help me perform my job more effectively and efficiently.
- State meeting for Texas was horribly organized.
- By the time I registered for the conference which was well in advance there were no rooms at the hotel. The conference hotel referred me to one of their sister hotels. It was very inconvient getting back and forth to the conference.
- I enjoyed the all the workshops I atteneded, but majority of the ones I attended had small rooms and a lot of people.
- This was a good conference, I appreciated the sessions and the chance to network with peers.
- The hotel services and wait staff were excellent! This was, overall, a well planned event! I appreciate all the hard work that went into the conference.
- I had to leave early and was unable to get a lunch to go due to buffet set up--volunteers seemed slightly annoyed that I was asking.
- The conference facilities could be improved upon with separate rooms for presentations/workshops as well as a large room for whole conference gatherings. The constant break down of the large room was chaotic and distracting.
- The sessions were not too long, which was good.
- The hotel staff was under prepared for such an event. Otherwise, WOW!
- Darlene Grant was excellent, she and Alice Reinarz should have switched places because she would have been an inspiring opening speaker.
- The hotel was poorly managed. Staffing was slow in response to check out for 500 people leaving on Saturday.
- Toofar from the downtown area. I didn't like being out on the highway. Lost a lot of the flavor. Disappointed that there were not organized activities outside the conference.
- spill over hotels were not as 'nice' and left alot to be desired. the howard johnson's we stayed at was in poor shape. i understand that austin was very busy that weekend.
- The chairs at the conference venue were uncomfortable for back problems. This is an issue, as we are sitting for hours at a time. I liked the full breakfasts (can't eat wheat, so 'continental' breakfast is usually pointless for me)
- Many of the sessions that I wanted to attend, where at the same time. Would have been great to have the sessions taped and then none could order tapes/videos of sessions missed.
- 7.4 Some difficulty with accoustics due to thin walls and close proximity of rooms.
- excellent

- I wasn't able to get a room at the Crowne Plaza and panicked to get one before a decision had been made about secondary hotel. I do think this colored my experience as I felt a bit isolated.
- The second keynote address speaker was awesome!
- Dr. Grant was fantastic. I enjoyed the student mariachi band. I suggest a vegetarian lunch option in the future. Door prizes should be usable throughout the region (no Pappas restaurants in some locales).
- The workshops/breakouts sessions were very impressive and needed with the exception of a couple of presenters they were all great. You should have a larger room for the transfer and new to college sessions. They were over flowing
- This was a great conference. I had some trouble arranging lodging and there was no overflow lodging set up when I registered. I found my own accommodations but I heard that the overflow lodging was not satisfactory.
- The logistics for getting to the men's bathroom need improvement. The one available for men required a complicated route.
- In the conference schedule, it'd be nice to have the size of the schools who are presenting as small school presenters may not apply to large schools.
- some of the presentations were focused too much on the problems experience at the various universities but there were very few that proposed solutions or talked about ways to make current situation better.
- This was my first regional conference, and I truly enjoyed it. I thought the food was great, everyone was friendly and the speakers were engaging.
- Very well organized and delightful to attend.
- The Howard Johnson was an unacceptable hotel. When I checked into my dingy room, I found a used syringe on the floor. We were very lucky to find other accommodations (no thanks to your "hospitality" booth which gave me a phone book)
- The Texas State meeting was just too big for any real order and ran a little long. Overall, this conference was great and the committee did a fantastic job with juggling room changes and the sheer size of the event. Great job!!!
- I was disappointed with the small number of panels dealing with faculty advising. This is not the fault of the organizing committee, but perhaps more outreach to faculty advisors would be helpful for the next region 7 conf.
- the state meetings need a format to follow - this is the second year i have not known what is supposed to occur during the alloted time
- Having the confrence in the city of Austin was a great idea. However, the Crowne Plaza was not the ideal location for the confrence. The Crowne plaza simply did not have enough meeting rooms to accomodate such a large group.
- The only problem I saw was with the technology. I tried to make technology the theme of my session selections, but in a few of them, the Web links wouldn't open and they had to wing it.
- This conference was very mixed with the good and the bad. Overall, I think the conference planners did a good job, but there were some problems, especially with travelling between the conference hotel and the hotel where I stayed.
- There was a little confusion in locating the rooms. Perhaps larger numbers, cards placed on the door with the session title would have helped.
- Time spent on announcements & thanking the people who put the conference together was over done. The UT / A&M jokes got old very fast. Time that people are at breakfast/lunch should be quiet time, socialize or discuss the conf.
- State meeting was very disorganized. Could have sent some info to attendees ahead of time to facilitate the meeting more smoothly.
- I would have liked Texas to have shown off their BBQ. The overabundence of TexMex was a bit much.
- The people at registration were not very friendly. I felt like a bad person because I hadn't paid NACADA yet even though I had my check out when I walked in. That sentiment was shared by others.
- Location was not good for people who had to walk. There was not enough eating and entertainment within walking distance.

- Most of the sessions I attended were excellent, and keynote speakers were also very good.
- Overall, the conference was great.
- It would be great to have some presentations repeated. It was hard having such a huge choice, but only having one time to attend.
- Detailed descriptions of conference sessions in advance would have been helpful. I wish the meals had healthier choices. I could find nothing to eat at breakfast and had to go elsewhere. Please add fruit and whole grain breads.
- The techincal info session, at 11 am Friday, was a waste of time.
- Very well organized! Largest regional conference EVER! Diversity in sessions, attendees, schools & states represented! Opportunities to network & interact w/ collegues from across the region. Keynotes were awe-inspiring!
- Rooms at Howard Johnsons were unacceptable and overpriced. Logistics traveling between hotels limited involvement at conference. Austin location was a draw to attending the conference, difficult to visit attractions without a car.
- I have concerns with some of the language in the session regarding Web-Myspace-Face Book: one of the presentors used the term"ghetto" to describe how students posted information on the Web. I feel this was highly inappropriate.
- Would have liked a participant list with the conference materials. Some of the session rooms were very small.
- I expected more out of the sessions. I attended the Facebook session and I feel that it mirrored each session I attended. It had so much to offer, but feel short of informing me about useful tactics that I could implement.
- I thought the commaraderie and helpfullness of staff and participants was the best I had ever seen. I think after one or two sessions it seemed like everyone recognized each other and I made some good friends quickly.l
- The TEXAAN meeting was a poorly organized and a supreme waste of time. It also ensured that I do not wish to participate in that organization any time soon.
- The hotel staff were disorganized at the desk. The conference set up staff were great. Accomodations were not so great, location OK. Most sessions seemed well thought and presented.
- Texas State meeting was terribly disorganized and unnecessarily L-O-N-G
- Some of the rooms were a little cold.
- Both keynote speakers were wonderful.
- I registered early and still was not able to get lodging at the conference hotel. You need to plan for more rooms any time you book in Austin or San Antonio. TEXAAN desperately needs a better way to hold elections for officers.
- Would be nice to have conference held at hotel/facilities within walking distance of downtown area (similar to national conferences).
- Small rooms for workshops was really hard to handle (cramped, stuffy).
- I thought the set-up of the conference facility was awkward. Also, it would have been ideal to have the conference in a hotel designed to provide guest rooms for more of the participants.....a larger hotel.
- Lunch on Friday didn't include any vegetarian options. Having to stay in a different hotel was very inconvenient.
- The awards ceremony should be taken more seriously. It should be a honor to be recognized but no one was paying attention.
- No sessions offered for those of us in one-advisor departments - seemed to be mega advising staff oriented. Only one reference to international students in sessions offered.
- Food variety and quality was great. Some rooms needed more space. Folks at other hotels felt inconvenienced.
- I did not get to stay in the Conference Hotel. It was already booked when I called a month in advance and there was no back-up hotel listed until there was an established problem. The Howard Johnson was ok but not the Crown.
- The city is great. I would have loved to see it. I felt overly confined to the hotel because of lack of transportation.

- I liked that we had to shift around because of the space limits. It made everyone move around and meet new people and get blood moving.
- The TX state meeting was unorganized and way too long! It needs to be better organized in the future. I know some people who actually got up and left! I was not that rude, but wish I had left. More people handing out desserts!
- The conference hotel was unable to accommodate all of the conference attendees. The recommended hotels outside of the conference hotel were not sufficient and were poorly located in reference to the conference hotel.
- Location of Austin - Excellent Location of Event - Fair Sessions weighted heavily on 1st-year students; needed more variety
- My thought about the state meeting is that it should be the state meeting only. With only an hour to hold elections and other business to attend to, we didn't really have time to have a speaker from NACADA.
- There weren't many sessions that were related to the needs of our department. I know this is unavoidable because you can't please everyone, but I was disappointed.

Question 9

What one goal/desired outcome brought you to the conference? (232 character limit)

- Professional development.
- To learn something at the Region 7 meetings that would help me improve my advising. I only felt out of place.
- Professional development and an introduction to the various approaches to providing academic advisement.
- to gain new information to help me as an academic advisor
- Improving my advising skills. Learning how other institutions accomplish similar processes.
- To share with others our advising assessment work.
- To learn how other institutions are dealing with advising situtations.
- Development in Academic advising and networking with fellow Professional Academic Advisors. It is important to have an opportunity to hear other Academic Advisors view points and other professionals, (ie Keynote Speakers).
- Professional Development
- To get new ideas
- As a new advisor I value any opportunity to further my abilities in my new career.
- Best Practices
- As a new advisor to learn more about the advisor role.
- Ideas to make advising in my unit better.
- Better understanding of an Academic Advisor
- To present at a conference.
- Integrating career advising and retention
- I fortunately networked with lots of advisors from my state. I feel this was easier to do at a smaller conference than the national conference.
- learning more about academic advisement
- expanding my knowledge of academic advising and meeting people from different institutions
- Looking for new ways of motivating our students on probation.
- To learn new methods to assist students academic enrichment and retention. And to learn ways advisors can reduce their stress level.
- Continue to develop professionally
- I'm a first year academic advisor and wanted to learn about NACADA.
- Learn new learning advising techiques.
- To learn more about what other institutions do in theri counseling/advising centers.
- To learn!
- It was my first time presenting on the regional level.
- To have a NACADA experience for professional development.
- Mainly to network and meet others in similar positions around the region.

- Meet new people
- Networking, new ideas.
- always looking for fresh perspective and new ideas
- To share ideas with colleagues.
- My goal was to find out if our institution was doing pretty much what other schools our size were doing as far as advising is concerned.
- Learning how other schools do things we are considering here--I got that from two presentations from North Texas University.
- Ideas and to be re-energized
- present/professional development
- Presenting and volunteering. OK, that's two.
- professional development, and meeting new colleagues
- Learn current trends in advising
- I was selected to present at the conference.
- Generate new ideas to adapt to our programs and processes.
- To better prepare myself as an Acadeemic Advisor and utilize my resources to best serve my students.
- To refresh, rejuvinate, see what others are doing, get new ideas, and ways to improve what I do in my shop.
- Professional development...learning new/better ways to connect with my students and to better assist them in their collegiate experience.
- I want to keep up with advising trends.
- Living in Austin, I wanted to be involved. I thought it was a great conference.
- to become exposed to or learns new ways to more effectively engage students and faculty in the advising process.
- Professional developmemt - as a second year academic advisor I aspire to continually improve
- networking
- Presenting at the conference.
- Learn and share
- I was hoping to network with other schools, to learn from them and to come home with new ideas about how my office might better serve our students, faculty and administration.
- My goal was to enhance my skills as an advisor.
- To learn more about learning outcomes & CAS
- CEU's
- As a brand new advisor, I wanted to see the various ways that other schools have set up their advising programs.
- One goal was explore ideas used for assessment of advising across the university.
- My supervisor told me that we were all going.
- Presenting
- Professional development.
- LEarn new techniques!
- A desirable presentation venue for my graduate assistant and intern.
- Several of my staff presented at the conference. I am always encouraging my staff to attend and present at national and regional conferences.
- presenting a session
- My own presentation on a topic that is close to my heart. I was happy to have a venue of my peers to share my ideas and get their feedback.
- I wanted to get more involved with NACADA and meet other advisors. I also wanted to find out what other institutions are doing. Being a new advisor, I saw the conference as an opportunity to network and glean some ideas.
- Hoping to learn more about how other schools deal with their advising and ways to improve.
- networking
- I brought my counseling staff and had hoped that the sessions would increase their understanding about what their positions involve and why the positions are so important.

- I am a new academic advisor, so Prossesional Development is key for me right now.
- To learn best practices from other institutions
- Professional development
- Professional Development/Networking.
- inspiration
- Needed information re: assessment and retention issues. Sessions I attended that dealt with these issues were excellent.
- Academic Advising
- Introduce my new staff to their professional organization.
- Inject myself with a renewed sense of commitment and hopefully a few new insights.
- I wanted to get more information on intervention programs for sophomores.
- Network with other advisors.
- I am a new professional and have not had a lot of contact with other professionals in the field or an organization specifically designed for the promotion of this profession.
- To present a concurrent session, to recieve continuing education, and to fellowship with my professional peers.
- I wanted to meet people from other schools to try and implement some of their successes to our campus.
- Attending a professional meeting is one of the goals in my performance evaluation.
- Professional development and learn about new thoughts and programs to bring into the office.
- Career development - I get very little at my university. I enjoy learning new ideas that I can try to use in my own experiences.
- To learn more about student academic advising and hear how advising is done at other institutions.
- Desire to continually improve the advising I do with students.
- To meet with other Counselors and discuss their approaches to counseling/advising students.
- I am new to advising and I had hopes of collecting lots of useful information regarding new advisors. I wish there had been more sessions geared to that.
- I attended the conference last year in Little Rock and was impressed with the quality of the workshops. I wanted to attend again this year.
- Gain tools to help me and my colleagues with academic advisement
- Future involvement in NACADA
- The experience and being able to meet many new people from other institutions.
- NA
- The desire to learn more about leadership development, and how to better serve the students at my campus.
- To get a better understanding of the profession of academic advising.
- Personal growth. As an academic advisor, I feel that I need to continue exploring new ideas so I can be more effective as an advisor.
- To network with fellow advisors from the region and take away ideas from the conference to implement or suggest at the university I work at.
- to gain new ideas for our advisement system
- Presenting a session
- I'm a new advisor and needed professional development.
- The professional development opportunity to present at a regional conference.
- Gain ideas on how to better connect with students.
- learn more about all aspects of academic advising.
- I had hoped to become more adept at my profession and more fluent in selling its benefits to the university.
- Opportunity to share/gain new ideas for improving our services.
- An intial Regional Conference presentation of a concurrent session.
- To co-opt ideas for advising and helping students from other colleges
- Learning communities.
- Panel discussion, wanted to see how professional advisors recruited/trained faculty advisors
- Learning more about assessment.

- my proposals were accepted!
- Professional development through exchange of ideas
- Need for developing academic advising skills to better serve students and institution.
- I went with the goal of meeting follow advisors and to gain experience and knowledge about different way of advising and preparing for transfer and new students. To become more involved in the NACADA group.
- networking with colleagues
- learning/networking
- I had seen Dr. Tom Brown at OACADA and was inspired by his presentation to do more and get more involved professionally.
- Professional development
- As a new professional, I wanted to hear from others in the region and get to know my own colleagues on a more personal level.
- Professional development.
- I wanted input from other universities in issues that prevail (retention, suspension, probation) find out what others are doing to alleviate this issues. I heard lots of complaints but as I mentioned no answers
- I wanted to get to know people from other schools in the region.
- Improving assessment skills and nurturing communication with other institutions in our state.
- Professional development.
- To learn at least one new method of advising students.
- professional development.
- To mingle and meet more members of the region and to gain a different perspective of NACADA.
- Opportunity to do a regional presentation
- Discussion of issues involved in faculty advising.
- to find at least one programming idea to impliment at my institution
- to renew my energy and passion for advising
- Besides the practical knowledge gained, I needed the infusion of professional affirmation.
- Wanting to become more involved in NACADA at the regional and national level.
- I hired three new advisors who have no advising experience and I wanted to attend this conference so that they could see what attending this type of conference is about.
- The ability to learn from collegues and take ideas back to my campus.
- Professional development. Transfer student information and ideas.
- I hoped to get new ideas and persceptives on other schools.
- Learn more about Learning outcome based Assessment.
- how much advising is being done at two year schools, and who assigns advisor throughout the college.
- Learning more info on transfer students and how to service and support them better.
- I needed to be better equiped to perform my job! I will be back next year and the year after that.
- I wished to come away with the exchange of new ideas and was hoping to have a "work-shop" atmosphere.
- To findout what other institutions were doing in regard to academic advising
- I was presenting for the first time and my presentation was very well received. There was a diverse group of participants which really added depth to the presentation. Amazing interaction and discussion/dialog with participants.
- More knowledge about how to be a good advisor.
- To learn and share information regarding first year advising, undecided advising, first year programs, advising as teaching.
- The location was outstanding- information will be highly useful to my role as an advisor
- Assessment, assessment, assessment.
- Professional Development.
- Interaction with regional participants.
- professional development
- I always want to do anything I can do to improve myself and my job performance.

- The location was great. I would have liked to see it closer to campus, but overall the location was great. I would also like to see it become more learner centered education.
- to learn & to be a presenter
- I wanted to know how decentralized advising was working on mid to large size campuses
- Connect with colleagues
- I wanted to bring staff to a conference that focused on advising and maximized their opportunities to network locally.
- Sharing ideas / networking
- professional development/networking
- To present a session at the conference and gain feedback on the content of our presentation (which was about a software program our university wrote) in order to improve our software program. To gain more experience presenting.
- I JUST started advising. I had no clue what was expected of me. Now I know I'm not as incompetent as I feel, and a lot of the stuff I do naturally, is part of my job. I guess I am a natural at this sort of thing -feeling better.
- I am a new academic advisor and I wanted to learn more about the profession and how other people do it.
- To obtain training for me and my staff without having to travel out of state.
- To participate as a presenter.
- Get experiences from other advisors
- Learn more about various areas of advising. The program and presentations were excellent!
- Hearing Charlie Nutt
- Professional development - and the conference was excellent at providing this for me. Thanks!
- learn new things about the profession
- I wanted to know what is going on in the world of advising outside of my college.
- Gather ideas, professional development.
- I like the time to share ideas with other advisors from similar institutions. It is very helpful to hear what advising techniques they are using.
- Networking.
- Professional development.
- Opportunity to present to a semi-national audience. Desire to imrove on an existing advisng model used by our office.
- It was very close to Texas State and I always learn something new. Good exposure to keep us updated. I also noticed a shift of attitude about advisors regarding adminstrators.
- To meet people from other universities.
- Meet and spend time with more colleagues in my profession in the surrounding geographic area and to learn one thing to bring back to my advising team.
- Professional development with my colleagues.
- Networking
- Networking
- New ideas for our program.

Question 10

10.1 I achieved the goals or desired outcomes I brought with me to the conference.

Strongly Disagree		44 (15.38%)
Disagree		34 (11.89%)

Agree		119 (41.61%)
Strongly Agree		82 (28.67%)
N/R		7 (2.45%)

Question 11

What suggestions do you have for topics for next year?

- Better technology. That seemed very frustrating to me. Food other that Tex/Mex at almost every meal.
- Perhaps clarifying type of university (ie: Public/Private & enrollment) presenting the session. With an enrollment of 28K, several sessions sounded applicable to our volume & approach that were in fact geared for smaller institution
- Sophomore advising for retention
- More sessions on non-tradiational students and graduate students.
- Teacher are Academic Advisors mentoring student in the spirit of excellence.
- More Student panels. We have to hear first hand from our students... as a Fresh; Soph; Junior; and Senior.
- Faculty Advising. Administration Issues for those running advising at Faculty Advising insitutions.
- n/a
- Creativity in Counseling
- Advising undecided students, How to administer/assess career assessments when advising students.
- When state meetings are held, could all of the private schools meet?
- I understand why "first year experience" is so popular, but I believe it is a bit of a fad. Other portions of the student population still need additional attention.
- Career Advising, Retention
- have more cultural diverse topics
- International Student Advising Year-round Programming in advising offices Career Development/Counseling
- Less institution specific conferences (way too much that was pertinent only to UT).
- Reducing Advisor stress; Conflict resolutions with other professionals or students.
- More topics that pertain to larger universities.
- Something for schools with only faculty advising or are smaller in number of students and budgets!
- Role plays in regards to advising techniques. More information on how to handle difficult situations with students.
- Too soon for me to tell what the hot topics might be!
- More transfer student information, more probation student info. Less freshmen ideas.
- A bit more on career advising.
- Sucess plans/idea for improving future academic progress for students who are placed on probation after their first semster in college.
- More sessions on advising ethics.
- Sophomore year experience
- The keynote addresses were not terribly pertinent and both seemed like they were "stock" speeches for the presenters.
- Timely graduation. Motivation techniques and tools. More on sophmores in transition. Texans in Missouri: Can they survive :-)
- Rookie Advising 101 - How to transition into academic advising for the first time Advancing in Advising - How to move up professionally for those with 3+ yrs. higher ed/advising experience + want to be an Assistant Dir. or Director
- Not sure right now.

- Considering my comments in #8, I should be able to offer some good ideas---maybe some round tables with case studies, or research doing focus groups with students.
- I highly recommend Dr. Vasti Torres - Indiana University as keynote speaker
- Retention, Career Advising
- connecting students and faculty outside the classroom
- Not necessarily. I think the conference committee, for the most part, does a good job of screening.
- In my office the ratio is 800 to 1. I'd like to hear tips from other schools in a similar situation about how they manage to effectively serve their students when it's impossible to get to know very many of them as individuals.
- Bring back: Jeff Carmichael! He was AMAZING!
- On line advising
- I would suggest having less topics regarding the freshman experience; so many of our institutions have so many transfer students. It would be nice to have a variety of topics addressing those particular students.
- What every new advisor should know.
- I will likely try for a national meeting rather than the regional conference next year.
- NA
- Just more of the same. It was good.
- More on assessment and professional development of staff.
- The role of Counseling in Academic Advising
- more variety and vegetarian options for meals.
- Integrating career counselling and advising. Like to hear more about new technology and how to incorporate in advising.
- specific workshops for strategies for success with low-income, first generation college students.
- 4-year retention program models
- 1. How the role of advisor is de-evolving into "in loco parentis". 2. What does it mean to be a "certfiied" or "liscensed" academic advisor and what if you don't want to go to graduate school to get it?
- Privacy and assessment.
- no suggestions at this time.
- Connecting professional advisors and advising to faculty advisors and advising.
- The topics were fine, but I found that when I actually went to the sessions, the presentations were not very in depth and offered little that I could bring back to my work place and use.
- As a presenter, I was told that PowerPoint would not be provided due to costs, so I used Overheads. As my session was starting, a conference worker asked me if I had checked out a PP to use! No one communicated this option to me.
- None
- 1. Need help as a student organization sponsor. 2. Combating low admission standards.
- More innovative programs for students that can be implemented in your own office.
- How do you build a relationship with students when your caseload is 300-400?
- More on Online Advising. More on Motivating the Unmotivated Student. More on Interactive Degee Paths/Audits.
- Helpful hints for new advisors.
- NA
- Advising students with disabilities.
- Online Registration
- Session of working with parents. Session of helping students take responsibility for their academic success. Session on teaching students the art of decision-making.
- Assesment, Transfer Student Success, Teamwork, Success of African American Students, & Sophomore Success
- Incorportate the Career Planning aspect of an Advisor's job.
- More non-traditional ways of advising students
- I don't have any suggestions currently.

- There should be a session or panel discussion based on the experiences of 4-year colleges and 2-year colleges.
- None.
- I'd like to see more on advising technology. Those sessions were particularly informative for me.
- Cross-training with advising & financial aid. Financial aid & admissions are merging quickly nowadays.
- Aacademic advising on a 2yr campus
- How individual training of advisors is done at other schools.
- 1. One-on-one advising techiniques. 2. More on how to set up an Academic Advising Council.
- Give better input on the range of students we in counter the foreign, over 30, new to college and I have 20 credits from 20 to 30 years ago.... it would have been better to give better recommendations speakers were good.
- I'm sorry, but I don't have time to think on this right now. I've lots to catch up on. I really appreciated the effort put into this conference. It just didn't meet my needs. Thanks for all the hard work though.
- Using peer advisors; adjustment issues for new professionals
- Advisor burnout session
- the topics are good but we need participation for those that may have a implemented programs that have worked.
- Working with students at-risk/on probation. More on 1st generation student panels.
- I would love to see a workshop on how to truly listen to your students and assess their needs.
- More information and sessions on ethnicity/multicultural advising issues/strategies
- The committee did a great job in selecting the topics; however, for such a significant event the presenters should be provided with the necessary and adequate audio-visual equipment for their presentations.
- see above. Focus on faculty advising.
- peer advising, advising beyond coursework, link between personal counseling and advising, sessions run by faculty advisors or graduate student advisors
- Dealing with Angry students. Best practices for when you have to tell a student no.
- Something along the lines of balancing advisor survival with the needs of the students for those of us who have more than 1,000 students in our case load.
- I am always looking for topics on distance education services, advising. More information on the non-tradiational student...advising, support.
- "Entitled" students and their parents who refuse to accept a shared responsibility in the academic and/or advising processes.
- Dealing with the stress that comes with advising.
- transfer students, career advising, working with probation students, working with undecideds, office culture.
- none
- Keep the variety!
- Topics are fine - it is how the presentations are delivered - dry and boring. The presenter in the "how to study - Kansas Best of Show" engaged the audience and kept our interest.
- suggestions for freshman programs, mentoring programs, academic success programs
- More sessions on assessing advising More sessions on standards Some time to break into groups of public/private. Most of UT's problems are not ones we ever face.
- Session scheduling: a large percentage of advisors are interested in both first year advising and advising undecided students. Don't put these topics in the smallest rooms.
- Dr. Grant did an exceptional job- she inspired me to better serve the students we touch. Perhaps next year she will be a part of the conference
- Include coping strategies for dealing with students (& parents, often from very wealthy backgrounds) who take an entitled approach to higher ed & who do not respect advising or professional boundaries when submitting their demands.

- More session regarding specific student subgroups and how to advise to benefit their needs.
- Speaking to Parents about their student. FERPA is always informative How to make Advising interactive.
- can't think of any right now
- More on technology issues
- Let's connect more closely with the Closing the Gaps Issues.
- Surveying your audience is the best way to obtain this. I think that is why this conference was so good, is because the committee surveyed the audience for what their needs and interests were.
- Helping Students Make Better Decisions.
- There were a lot of new advisors at this conference. Some workshops for NEW advisors would be excellent!
- a seminar for advisor who have been advising for less than 2 years
- 1) More on the Case Management perspective of advising 2) Offer a games session update 3) Bring more sessions promoting professional academic advising
- n/a
- none
- More about the situation in Louisiana in the hurricane aftermath
- more information on retention strategies. Presenters should talk more of the programs that are working. Some sessions were more like lecture versus informational sessions. Or sessions of sharing and showing.
- One advisor offices/departments. Also, more should be offered regarding international students; an understanding of this population seems to be lacking.
- Make sure all participants can stay in the same location.
- I don't have any suggestions at this time.
- Assessment tools. Professional advancement--beyond advsing, primary role presentation tips from those who have presented at NACADA National
- How to get more brownie points for the advising profession from the adminstration. Let us know how to speak their language and know their hot points therefore we can address our issues from their viewpoint and win our issues.
- More time management/organizational skills
- More emphasis on continuing students--not so heavily weighted on 1st-year students. More presentations representative of Region 7. This conference was heavily weighted with Texas (especially UT) presentations.
- More transfer and faculty advising sessions

Question 12

Please provide us with additional comments on your conference experience! (232 character limit. Feel free to email additional comments to nacada@ksu.edu. Please put the name of the conference in the subject line.)

- Very positive experience. Committee very attentive to attendees needs! Good # of sessions. Keynotes really helped set the tone for the entire conference. Kudos to the organizers/committee members that made things run smoothly!
- So happy that Charlie Nutt was involved with our conference!
- Please get a more even distribution of presenters from other states. Have more wkshps that deal with topics other than new std/freshman advising.
- The food was good but heavy. Everyone said they were sleepy after lunch. Both a heavy breakfast and lunch was too much. If budget would permit, do dinner 1st day, continental breakfast and lighter lunch.
- Getting in tune with our students.
- Was nice to meet people from local schools. This is much more difficult at the national conference.
- It was a great time, I learned alot and meet new people

- Overall I thought the conference was great. I've attended two national conferences and I actually enjoyed this one more because it wasn't overwhelming like the national conferences are.
- Job well done, thank you for all of your hard work!
- I attended one conference and it was truly uplifting and professional; with practical skills and tips to use. It addressed how to retain your Professional Academic Advisors.
- A LOT less of the Aggie/Longhorn hooting and hollering; a minority of the crowd (but apparently a majority of the planners) made the rest of us tolerate their insipid rivalry. I couldn't have cared less but had to endure it. Dumb.
- Great job committee! Outstanding job, excellent food, and nice Social Hour. For future Region 7 committee members, plan some fun event at the hotel for those who wish to stay at the hote. Example: Karoke night at the hotel bar.
- Thank you NACADA!
- The conference was exceptional!
- Great conference.
- The conf. seemed targeted only for professional advisors. That's o.k., but I wish I had known that up front through the advertising.
- If voting needs to take place in the State meetings I think it should be organized in better manner.
- Overall, I enjoyed my first NACADA experience.
- the facilities were great!
- Enjoyed and learned something from most of the sessions I attended. Felt the hotel was a little inadequate for a conference of this size. Not a great opotunity to network as there were so few people there from my state.
- Wonderful and exciting - I needed it!
- Excellent sessions and good information.
- The conference hotel booked up too fast.
- Good job.
- Thank you. Well done.
- So far so good NACADA!! Thanks for your hard work
- Thanks for all the hard work!
- Overall the conference was good, but again, the room set up didn't work in my opinion.
- I think everyone did a great job!! I don't mind bringing a projector with me to regionals, however, projectiors should be provided at nationals due to the high registration cost.
- I didn't get much out of this conference in terms of professional development and I wasn't impressed with the accomodations, but I still appreciate all the hard work that went into planning this event.
- Everything was well planned & great.
- Over all - well done.
- Overall, it was very good. The lodging and location were fabulous, and the variety of sessions made it a learning experience.
- I was pleasantly surprised at how much fun I had at the conference. The breakdown of the rooms was not very conducive to the conference, but I am sure that has been take under advisement.
- I would have played up unity a bit more, and talked more about the different schools represented.
- In my opinion, the conference committee should not be required to pay to attend. The members of the committee were unable to attend many sessions (if any at all) due to their planning roles.
- Was my 1st regional conf. Prefer to attend the nat'l conf. because of the bigger variety of the session topics. Regional conference should be more roundtable discussion rather than being talked at all day.
- In general sessions intoduce keynote speakers more quickly and less rah rah on how many people are attending the conference. Keep jokes about rivalries between schools to a minimum. (University of Texas and Texas A&M)
- it was frustrating to not have an LCD projector guaranteed for the presenters.
- More round table sessions are probably a better way to trade ideas on what each institution uses, pros and cons on current system.

- I was disappointed in the location of the workshop. Not just the fact that the rooms for meets were inadequate, but physically where it was and the lack of hotel rooms that were accessible as well as lack of eating establishments.
- This conference was very well organized. I really enjoyed it and liked that it was "small" (compared to the national conference).
- Improvements: rooms divided by folding walls should have better sound proofing - when in the middle room, you could hear to the left of the walls, to the right of the walls, and not hear presenter - distracting.
- One of the best conferences I've attended; sessions were relevant and informative. Comments from other attendees reflected same.
- A sign-up for Friday night dinner would have been helpful for those who were new and did not know anyone. It worked well at the national conference. Even after several conferences, it's easy to wind up without a group to dine with.
- With the current format, it's really a 1-day conference. People come late or miss the opening, and leave early on Saturday. Could we start earlier on Day 1 and have 2 full days?
- The hotel staff was gracious except for the front desk. They would not print out a separate receipt at a 0 balance for 2 people sharing a room. This has always been done at all the other NACADA conference hotels I've stayed at.
- Too much "rah-rah"; not enough "meat".
- Really enjoyed the conference as a first-timer for any NACADA event - great job!
- More accurate descriptions of the sessions. Don't try to make your session sound great just so people will attend; they just leave feeling disappointed.
- Good job done within the limits of the facility. Well organized. Accommodating - dietary needs, room temp, etc. A big thank you to all the committee members.
- Overall the conference was good-The hotel food was excellent-Everyone was friendly and very helpful-I took several things away from the conference that I plan on using immediately-I will be a future attendee.
- I hope the workshop presentations will be available to us on the NACADA website.
- The hotel was not able to provide internet access in one of the presentations and the topic was internet based.
- Please have someone go and check out lodging before getting rooms set for a conference. The neighborhood for Howard Johnson was questionable and the rooms were much more disappointing. Everything else was wonderful.
- Hotel recommendation were TERRIBLE...
- NACADA may want to improve the way on-site registration works. I suggest setting up 1-4 laptops where people can access (directly) the NACADA website, register, pay & print a receipt --all online. Thank you.
- This was my first conference, and I was very excited. The overall conference was wonderful and the information was great
- Excellent first experience with NACADA!
- Having been a conference planner in one of my previous work positions, I can only say that the staff/planners did a very good job making the event flow as smoothly as possible. It was certainly worth attending. Thanks!
- I could tell that many of the advisors were on two different pages regarding 4-year and 2-yar college advising. We need to all get together and communicate with each other how we advise our students.
- A job well done!
- Region 7 Conference, Austin, Texas, March, 2007. Overall very well done, especially in view of the larger than expected attendence. Although the organizers had to adapt "on the fly", things went well.
- I've attended national conferences, but never state or regional; I was pleasantly surprised by the organization, speakers, and venue. The *energy* was fabulous!
- Great conference!! Need more of the same.
- Those of us that stay outside of the Crown Plaza had some major room problems. They charged us the same rate at Howard Johnson as at Crown Plaza. My room had footprints on walls and wires hanging from the ceiling bad carpet chip tub
- Great conference

- Have potential candidates for office annouced earlier on during the conference period so that they can speak about their credentials and this would give us the opportunity to network and get to know them before we cast a vote.
- Austin was a fine location, but there was SO much going on there that weekend that it made lodging and transportation difficult. Also, those of us not from Texas got tired of hearing the "hook 'em - gig 'em" banter.
- The topics were very relevant and useful. I appreciated that the sessions stayed on the objectives and that the audience did not take over the sessions. It was a great conference.
- For ex. if professional boundaries is covered we need abstracts from a code of ethics (facts, black and white what is appropriate and what is not). knowing what to do when student behavior is inappropriate besides transfer his case
- Great job, especially with the additional attendance circumstances--very well done.
- This was the first time I attended this conference and it was a great experience. I will recommned this conference to my colleagues.
- The conference committee did a great job with all the logistics of the conference. The sessions would have been better had the hotel removed the tables from the conference rooms.
- good job!
- I was very unhappy over the way we were treated when our hotel situation soured. I don't think the "hospitality" booth knows what it's like to be almost forced to stay in a hotel that you don't feel safe in.
- Once the conference hotel & surrounding hotels were sold out, communication seemed to breakdown. Emailed D. Mateson regarding hotel waiting list with no response. Emailed M. Balog regarding shuttle did not receive a timely response.
- Overall, high marks. It would have been better to have actual rooms than the dividers because of the noise levels coming through, and it was very cold, but the presentations were great. I was happy to see Patti Griffin there.
- Remind future conference coordinators that we are at a Regional, not state meeting. There was way too much emphasis on Texas, especially UT.
- The hosts did an outstanding job. They were friendly, helpful. hospitable, interacting constantly with the participants. I was so impressed. Everything appeares so smooth, effortless, and coordinated. My hats off to these gentlemen
- The Conference Planning Committee was exceptional!
- none
- I really like those sessions that had handouts, samples, etc. and recommend that you freely use their ideas.
- Thank you, It was a great conference.
- Hotel location was not good for shopping or other sight seeing adventures - why bring us to Austin and not allow for the "extra perks" for going.
- I would have liked to have stayed at the hotel that hosted the confernce....a bigger block of rooms...
- I thought the conference was absolutely EXCELLENT. I learned a lot about several different subjects. It was also great to see and hear what other schools are doing.
- Really enjoyed the opening session meal and band. Too much emphasis on Texas schools. It felt we were attending a state conference not a regional.
- This was perhaps one of the better conferences. I am encouraged to better serve students. Likewise, it was encourageing to hear that students across the board have of the same fears and concerns as their peers at other institutions
- The conference was well organized & I enjoyed being a presenter! Thanks.
- I think the conference was terrific. It would have been nice to have a "lounge" area at the hotel - some place to sit and talk with colleagues or do work. The restaurant/bar areas were not open and there was no place to just sit.
- Great job kudos to Mike and JP and to all the planners. Great team. Fun to work with.
- overall I thought the conference was excellent. I'm glad it got so big but too bad we all couldn't stay in one place. expand on the social activities at the end of each day.
- Great conference.

- The Texas State Officers seem incredibly disorganized. I personally disliked that part of the conference most of all. Things were chaotic and the voting was ridiculous. Do candidates not have campaigns?
- More emphasis on preserving the Professional Academic Advisor. Loved the Unfinished Symphony. Need more information to promote the respect for professional academic advisors.
- Volunteers were great! Region 7 staff very supportive. Mike and JP did a great job!
- Need to pre-determine a back-up hotel otherwise it was excellent.
- The organizers were visible, asccessible and flexible. We never saw them angry or frustrated. Their professionalism and southern hospitatlity made me feel better about being there.
- I didn't like the setup for the conference rooms. You could hear through the partitions sometimes, and that was annoying. Rooms with real walls would be better. People were friendlier than at the national conferences I've been to
- As a person who is not from the state of Texas, I felt the conference could have been geared more for everyone- not just people from the Texas institutions.
- No other comments.

- End of Survey -

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