

Initial Report

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1. The session that was most valuable to my situation was: (Session #, Session name, Presenter name)

Text Response
The Thursday morning keynote and mentor lunch presentations were most helpful to my situation.
The High Road: Examining Power Dynamics in Academic Advising (Concurrent Session I - I don't have the presenter info or session number with me).
C1, Virtual Advising and its Applications for New Student Registration, Jennifer Heinbold & Aaron Surratt
C19 - Support from the Start
C7 Academic Advising as key to Retention
PC2, Advising Accelerated and Pre-Transfer Students, Kimberly Myers (Ivy Tech)
So You Think You Can Teach?
Session 5, Demonstrating Your Value: Creative Ways to Contribute on Campus, Angela Swenson-Holzinger & Jessica Wekkin, UW-Stout
When there is nothing left to give, Amanda Clark
C1: Virtual Advising and its Applications for New Student Registration, Heinold & Surratt
C7: Advising at the Key to Retention, Krista Burrell & Emily Hartke
On Course
C1, Virtual Advising and its Application for New Student Registration, J.Heinold & A. Surratt
Beyond the Bulletin: Creating an In-House Guide for Advisor #C17 Constance Hanson & Sharon Hay
Advising at Risk students- Ladies from Andrews University in Michigan.
C1, Virtual Advising and its Application for New Student Registration, Jennifer Heinold and Aaron Surratt I also really enjoyed Jennifer Joslin's mentoring talk over lunch!!!
Readmitted Students: A Unique Population- Corrie Fox and Gabrielle Warner
C 36 Space Oddity Kelsey Cox and Sarah Eltzroth
Alternative Outreach to Working Students...I don't remember the presenter's name. :(It was a woman.
C50 - Inspiring Students to Succeed, Roberta Rea, Krista Malley, and Paul Battle.
C61 - Rock On Course: Using Classic Rock to Trigger Student Success. Northeast Wisconsin Technical Colleges We are using the "On Course" textbook, and this session gave some creative ways to present text material.
Advising International Students - Thursday morning, Fenton was the presenter I believe.
Session # C49; Office Qigong for Your Well Being; Jing Hua Deng-Meyer
C17, Beyond the Bulletin: Creating an In-House Guide for Advisors, Constance Hanson and Sharon Hay
Don't Remember the Session #, What Motivates Me, Chad Hart
C11: The 7 Highly Effective Advising Strategies of Bond, James Bond - Julian Parrott, U. of Illinois
C50: Inspiring Students to Succeed Roberta Rea, Krista Malley, Paul Battle
C3: Affinity Seeking Strategies: At the Crossroads of Better Communication and Appreciative Advising, Irwin Mallin, IPFW
Collaborate to Retain: Effective Probation Programming Kaci Kortis & Lauren Clark, University of Cincinnati
C50 - Inspiring Students to Succeed - Oakland University
Session IV #C33, Readmitted Students: A Unique Population, Corrie Cox and Gabrielle Warner
C33: Readmitted Students: A unique population. Corrie Fox and Gabrielle Warner C44: Demonstrating Our Value: Creative Ways to Contribute on Campus. Angela Swenson-Holzinger and Jessica Wekkin
C54, Connections in Career and Academic Advising, Tim Scully
C49: Office Qigong for Your Well Being Dang Jingqua Meyer
It was on what motivates me. Great session and interesting point of views.
Advising African American Males - it's been too long for me to remember the session #, exact name, and presenter.
I enjoyed the Writing for NACADA presentation
Office Qi Gong For Well Being session on Friday. This was very nicely done!
C20: Serving Students on Academic Probation: A Prescriptive and Data-Driven Approach by Ashleigh Crowe and Steph Percy
Career Coaching and the MultiGenerational Workforce
Readmission: A Unique Population
C8, Bringing Professional Development to a Campus Near You, Elaine Atwood
The Maslowian approach to advising - Saint Francis University
C55: Working Smarter, Not Harder: Group Advising as an Innovative Advising Tool; Lauren Rowley and Michelle Schultz
Power Dynamics - Shannon Burton
Space Oddity: Delving into Students' Perceptions of Advising Spaces, Kelsey Cox

Integrating Career & Academic Advising
Space Oddity.
C50 - Inspiring Students to Succeed - Roberta Rea, Krista Malley, Paul Battle
Demonstrating Your Value: Creative Ways to Contribute on Campus - Swenson-Holzinger and Weckin and Inspiring Students to Succeed by Rea, Malley, and Battle
C65: The Crossroads of Moving into Advising Administration Terri Farr, Michael Broshears, Jonathon Ferguson, & Michelle Pickett
C11: The 7 Highly Effective Advising Strategies of Bond, James Bond, Julian Parrott, University of Illinois
C1: Virtual Advising and its Applications for New Student Registration, Jennifer Heinold and Aaron Surratt
The first session, appreciative advising, and one on the second day- Motivation assessment.
C66 - Jones and Detwiler
C46: Impact of Undergraduate Peers on the Advising System, Cynthia Williams and IUPUI undergraduate students
Session # C35: The Journey to Checklists: When Four Years Doesn't Fit, Maureen Bell-Werner, Mary Beth Overby and Ian Toberman
C67 A Letter to My Younger Self: Looking back, Looking forward, and Improving Through Self- Reflection/Heidi Jones, Ashland University

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	58

2. Overall, I thought the Conference was:

#	Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Total Responses	Mean
1	Advanced Mailing, Publicity, Etc.	0	7	49	65	121	3.48
2	Conference Location	6	8	45	66	125	3.37
3	Facilities	19	59	37	13	128	2.34
4	Meals	4	26	60	37	127	3.02
5	Registration Process	0	1	40	84	125	3.66
6	Keynote Susan Hawkins-Wilding	3	10	39	39	91	3.25
7	Opening Reception	0	2	28	55	85	3.62
8	Quality of the Concurrent Sessions	0	12	65	50	127	3.30
9	Closing Wrap Up	3	13	47	33	96	3.15
10	Overall, I thought the conference was:	0	8	63	56	127	3.38
11	Keynote Dr. Nasser Paydar	0	3	10	18	31	3.48

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Min Value	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
Max Value	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mean	3.48	3.37	2.34	3.02	3.66	3.25	3.62	3.30	3.15	3.38	3.48
Variance	0.37	0.65	0.73	0.63	0.24	0.61	0.29	0.40	0.59	0.36	0.46
Standard Deviation	0.61	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.49	0.78	0.53	0.63	0.77	0.60	0.68
Total Responses	121	125	128	127	125	91	85	127	96	127	31

3. How many REGIONAL conferences have you attended before this conference?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	None		69	53%
2	1-2		34	26%
3	3-4		16	12%
4	5 or more		10	8%
	Total		129	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.74
Variance	0.91
Standard Deviation	0.95
Total Responses	129

4. How did you learn of this conference? (Mark all that apply)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Talking with a colleague		60	47%
2	E-mail announcement from NACADA		83	64%
3	Other:		18	14%

Other:
NACADA Website
Urged on all IUB advisors due to proximity
Institutional Advisor Association, JACADA
We were best of WACADA and were asked to present.
NACADA website
website
Checked the website
Personal Reserch
MIACADA
Supervisor informed
Advising Listservs
email from colleague on campus
NACADA website, Knew it was coming up
All Ivy Tech Advisors were required to attend
Website
Employer
useful material from the sessions to implement in my position

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Total Responses	129

5. To what extent did the conference meet your expectations?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Not at all		2	2%
2	Some		22	17%
3	Most		71	55%
4	All		33	26%
	Total		128	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	3.05
Variance	0.49
Standard Deviation	0.70
Total Responses	128

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

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Faculty Advisor		3	2%
2	Academic Advisor		70	54%
3	Counselor		1	1%
4	Academic Advisor/Counselor		6	5%
5	Advising Administrator		22	17%
6	Administrator with responsibilities over several areas, one of which is advising		8	6%
7	Graduate student		5	4%
8	Institutional position supports advising i.e. Registrar, admissions, financial aid, etc.		3	2%
9	Affiliated with a college or university but not in any of the roles previously mentioned		6	5%
10	Not affiliated with an institution of higher education		0	0%
11	Other:		5	4%
	Total		129	

Other:

Program Coordinator & Academic Advisor

Program Coordinator and Academic Advisor

Consultant/trainer for NACADA

Career Advisor

Career Advisor

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	11
Mean	3.84
Variance	6.62
Standard Deviation	2.57
Total Responses	129

7. How many years have you been in advising? (as an advisor, administrator, or faculty member)

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than 5 years		56	44%
2	5-10 years		36	28%
3	11-20 years		27	21%
4	More than 20 years		9	7%
	Total		128	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.91
Variance	0.93
Standard Deviation	0.96
Total Responses	128

8. In what ways was this conference valuable to you?

Text Response
Exposure to best practices, from people in real situations
Ideas to improve our advising services.
Networking with colleagues from the area.
It allowed me to attend a conference close to home and for a lower cost. The quality was just as good as a national conference
good info in sessions
Connecting with Colleagues
The breakout sessions that I attended were good.
The opportunity to meet and learn from colleagues across the region.
The sessions were very helpful, and it was a good opportunity to get out of the office but still increase my knowledge in the field.
It was an invaluable opportunity for professional development and networking. I gained a lot from the concurrent sessions and their presenters.
I was able to network with other professionals and learn more about NACADA
I had never made my own slick poster before, so participating in the poster presentation was a new experience for me. Also, I chose 7 sessions to attend, and they were ALL good--does not happen, at any kind of conference.
The breakout sessions were helpful
Networking opportunities and well as info. sharing
The opportunity to network and meet fellow advisors who have more experience and insights into the field of academic advising and higher education.
Networking. Many of the sessions were also very good!
Networking with other advisors; ideas on how to handle unsuccessful students; knowing that other advisors are dealing with the same issues as you are.
the conference session that I listed above
connecting with others
It validated some ideas that I already had spinning around, while sparking new interests. It also inspired me to want to try and present at a future conference.
The conference was good for networking. I met several people who have similar ideas and plans.
I always find value in a NACADA conference and this is the second Region conference (both Region 5) that I have attended - I find them overflowing with ideas, networking, and useful tips to bring back to my institution. I'm very pleased to see more sessions dedicated to technology/online advising - it's a niche but one I work in so it's very useful to listen and learn from colleagues in that field
Networking and the presentations were very well done
In the sessions hearing from other advisors.
I was able to learn more about professional development opportunities and how to facilitate such initiatives on my campus. I also was able to reconnect with why I serve in the advising capacity in higher education and to not view myself as "only" or "just" an academic advisor.
The conference is valuable to me for generating new ideas and feeding off of other advisors' enthusiasm for their projects/jobs. I enjoy making professional connections and meeting new advisors across the region.
Networking with other advisors and hearing what works and doesn't work for them!
I was able to meet people from different campuses, I learned a lot that I plan to use on my campus and in my advising session.
Creative and new ideas.
I am in my first year of academic advising and although I am somewhat specialized (honors college, supplemental advising), there were many sessions that appealed to my professional interests
Talking to colleagues that don't work in athletics advising to know their concerns and struggles
I have a lot of ideas now on how to improve advising at my institution.
I learned many ideas and techniques to use in my current position. It made me energized to work on my own research to try to present at a future NACADA conference!
I attended some good sessions and was able to network and socialize with other advisors.
I learned about a new tool to use with my students. The Motivators Assessment could be very helpful to my office.
Networking.
Outstanding networking opportunity; outstanding professional development.
Interacting with peers and re-thinking various approaches to helping students more effectively.
I was inspired to write for NACADA. It was a very helpful boost to think of new ideas and get excited about my role.
networking, concurrent sessions, ideas to bring back to campus
Best Practices within the region and networking with other colleagues.
I learned a lot about how other institutions and their advisors set up plans to help struggling students. We do not have a system in place at our institution for those on academic probation.
I liked meeting people from other institutions. It is refreshing to get away from work for a little bit. Some of the speakers were interesting.
gaining information on advising practices to employ in my work; camaraderie/new friends/colleagues
Gave me an opportunity to meet others in the same profession and to learn from their successes.
Mostly enjoyed networking with other advisors and sharing best practices - whether in a breakout session or not.
There were lots of great topical sessions, but for me the most value always comes from the networking.
Ideas, networking, perspective

Networking, inspiration for future research topics, reinvigorating for what I do at my job.

It was good to hear what other schools are finding challenging in these economic times. I also really think that it is uplifting to be with others that can give advice from an outside perspective through keynote, presentations and general conversations.

Opportunity to network with colleagues, opportunity to learn how others are approaching same problems and challenges, learn about new things in the field

Gave me other ways that other advisors handle different situations at their school.

I enjoyed several of the workshops. I walked away with information and tools I could use for academic and career advising.

The ability to connect with advisors from other institutions is incredibly helpful. Hearing how they handle different situations helps me to evaluate my own approach and the approach of my institution.

Able to connect with colleagues at similar institutions

I enjoyed all of the networking

There was some good information about advising special populations...international, minorities, LGBTQ

Variety of available sessions was great; ability to network with local colleagues

I was able to meet advisors from other institutions and network with them, and I learned some new information/ideas relevant to my work.

Greater perspective on how different colleges are organized and their advising models. Ideas and information about alternate methods or best practices adopted by other colleges/universities in managing academic advising.

Talking with others and getting some ideas for programming at my institution.

Networking connections, old material in a fresh way, lovely to get away to gain new perspectives and inspiration!

Overall big picture of what the priorities are at other institutions.

Networking; discussions about administration, assessment, and technology

My first professional conference presentation. Networking with colleagues around my state and institution.

help to understand what other institutions do. Learn some best practices and gain new insights into new advising techniques.

The conference was very motivational and reminded me how much I love my profession in academic advising! It's refreshing to network and learn from colleagues at other universities, even if I only have the opportunity to do so once a year. This year's conference was very valuable to my professional development, and I have brought back many exciting ideas to my position.

Making connections with advisors from other states, reconnecting with advisors that I used to work with at another institution, attending the various sessions, Keynote by Brody Broshears

Networking

It helped me to recharge my energy.

The conference sessions were very good. It was hard to choose 1 at times.

Helped me to see where my institution is ahead, but also where we are lacking the tools available to larger institutions.

Networking with other colleagues and seeing how other schools do things.

It was a convenient location

Networking

Connecting with others in a similar profession (I work with graduate students, so I often feel like a profession unto myself) Mentor program presentation practice

The graduate student reception was the time best for mingling with people who wanted to network. (At lunch, people were more interested in who they already knew).

Learning about different universities programs is always helpful. I am new to advising so all sessions were valuable.

Networking. Mentor program. Meeting people in Ohio since that is where I will work.

It's great to spend time with people who do what I do, who understand my challenges, and who inspire me to be the best I can be.

For me, networking. I like to meet new colleagues and see what they are doing at their institutions.

Inspirational and renewed perspective

Networking and sharing information about best practices.

The sessions were informative. I wish, however, that the rooms were large enough to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. Many times I had to sit on the floor or choose another session due to lack of space.

Best practices from other advisors

great ideas to take back and put into play with virtual advising practices

Reassurance during my first year advising that issues I am facing are common across institutions.

Opportunity to network, get refreshed and bring information back to my campus.

networking, some valuable new ideas (not as many as in the past)

Staying relevant with current trends, network with other advising professionals, add to advising toolkit

Talking with other advisors and finding out methods of advising that have or have not worked from them. I have been implementing some of what I've learned from others in my own advising strategies.

Networking, use of technology in advising - thinking about ideas from different people and from different perspectives

Seeing the wide range of advisors who are involved with the profession, as well as learning strategies that other institutions are utilizing. I can't say that I learned anything that I hadn't heard of before but seeing how other institutions utilize said strategies was helpful.

Provided insight on Administrative issues that I had not previously heard viewpoints on.

Connecting with other institutions and professionals; learning of the way in which the Executive Office works and learning how other schools have designed programs to solve common problems.

Networking was extremely valuable and finding ways to get involved.

It was nice to network and to learn from other advisors.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	97

9. My recommendations for future conferences include: (topics/speakers/external activities/type/length of sessions, etc.)

Text Response
Can presenters from senior or upper level positions be encouraged to present?
The logistics of this conference were a complete nightmare. Sessions split between two floors that were 21 floors apart that could only be accessed by two elevators that also served guests, a two stall bathroom serving more than half the attendees at once, and only 15 minutes between sessions. Awful.
Consider not having a lunch keynote. Attendees could use the time to connect with others and make plans for meals, etc.
Have a plan for "rain" when you have the events outdoors (like the zoo). We didn't even get off of the bus because on the way there it started pouring rain and we did not have umbrellas. Have people waiting with umbrellas to assist those arriving.
If we could pre register for sessions, it would be better to know the capacity of room needed.
Reserve the largest, most convenient spaces possible in case the conference is "sold out" again. The two different floors really far apart and the buffet style meals were difficult to deal with. I also think the variety of sessions was great and should be maintained for next year.
More diverse sessions with clear descriptions
Better signage at the poster session--fellow advisors walked through as though they had no idea why we were standing there. They thought we were representing organizations, so they tried to avoid eye contact.
more time between sessions; different facilities...there were many sessions that were standing room only and not enough chairs
Having the concurrent sessions several floors away from each other was a large inconvenience.
I wasn't bothered by the separation between conference floors but others seemed to be. It might be best to avoid such a distance between conference floors if possible in the future
More accommodating facilities. It was very hard to get from floor to floor and sessions were often so full that I could not attend my first choice.
More time between sessions as 15 minutes was not enough time to get from one level in the hotel to another level. There seemed to be too many sessions going on at the same time and at times there were not enough seats in a room for everyone that wanted to attend the session.
Do NOT let the morning session run late. It makes it impossible to keep the concurrent sessions on time.
more topics on advising international students.
larger facility
I liked the length of sessions and the variety. My only recommendation involves the facility. The elevators just could not handle the amount of people. I know that you weren't expecting nearly that many to attend so I'm not sure that it was something that could be helped.
I would actually love one more day of sessions - it's a good deal of effort for me to get to these conferences and I feel like I'm just warming up and it's over. I understand it increases cost for NACADA and the attendees but I would stay one more day!
More topics on how to move forward in the advising field into management/leadership positions within advising and academic service units...life coaching maybe
More topics about transitioning from advising roles into leadership--there was only one panel session and it was during my presentation. :(A step-by-step guide for becoming more active in NACADA; again, it was a panel and relied heavily on our questions. As someone stated in that session: "I don't even know what my options are within the NACADA organization!"
There were a lot of sessions that concurrently running - it would have been nice to have a slightly longer conference with more sessions so that there weren't so many being presented at the same time.
Topic: For new advisors how to get the most out of a 30 min advising session. I would choose a larger hotel to host the NACADA conference.
Having the conference rooms on the lower level and the 21st floor was a real problem! I found myself on Friday, picking sessions on one level so I wouldn't have to deal with the elevator.
I'm sure you've already received this feedback, but the venue seemed small for the number of guests - or more registered than anticipated
There was no real closing "Wrap-Up" session. There was just a workshop and then go home. Would have been nice to end with a motivational speaker or something to send us out with a "bang". Also, the rooms in the lower level were extremely hot and didn't seem to have enough seats.
The session on International Students was very helpful as well. The room was over crowded and I really think this topic needs to be covered more. Maybe a speaker about International student and STEM programs.
The lengths of the sessions seemed a little too long at times.
Fewer sessions on probation.
More networking events.
Fewer moments of working/talking amongst attendees during breakout/concurrent sessions. A lot of the "exercises"/activities seemed trivial/remedial.
Nice blend of large-group activities and small-group activities.
Being an effective role model and professional. Importance of empathy, work-ethic, altruism, and working for a greater purpose than self.
Community College Vs. Four Year Advising comparison and differences for success and retention strategies.
Advanced mailings were wordy. Perhaps adding bullet points with each conference date and what to know would be helpful. Few people wore spirit clothes and it may be because there were too many lengthy emails sent and they did not read the details. Breakouts for seasoned Advisors need to be offered. I did not find the sessions to provide new information for me.
have longer concurrent sessions; there were HUGE wait times at elevators
Breakout session options were good. Unfortunately, the layout of the facility did not always lend itself to allowing me to attend all the sessions I preferred. Elevators were so slow, if one session was full, I had no option but to attend the one next door (whether it interested or pertained to my job or not).....rather than be extremely late for a second choice session on a different floor.
We needed some elbow room in the Concurrent Sessions.
LOVED that fun run and yoga were planned for and included. 45-60 minute concurrent sessions are perfect.
Keep doing what you're doing. Great organizational team! Thank you.
Addressing Advisor burn out and how to keep new professionals in the field.
different location. While it was a nice hotel, the stairwells were locked and forced everyone into elevators

Presenters need to "present" more on their topics in order to facilitate discussion. The entire presentation should not be discussion in small groups.

Venue was too small for the conference; elevators did not work consistently or efficiently, food lines were long enough to cause food to be cold, it was difficult to navigate conference space with so many people moving within a small space between sessions.

A venue that can accommodate the number of attendees - seating and space was often an issue, which was frustrating

More Readmission and more topics about working with Faculty and Policy makers/legislators

Women in leadership

developing a consistent assessment/measurement of academic advising across all campus

A facility that can accommodate our growing numbers!!

Sessions on health major advising. Sessions on community colleges and how the strategies to advise students should be different than advising at a 4 year college. Try to have the conference where the rooms are big enough to hold the individuals that want to attend the session.

Large spaces for concurrent sessions, deeper level content in sessions, all locations within 1-2 floors of each other.

More relevant sessions, sessions that include practices i can apply directly to work.

Would like to see more sessions focusing on adult and non-traditional students, and ideas on how to connect with the online population. Building relationships with online adult students is quite a challenge.

I'd like more sessions on developing early grade alert programs and partnering with other offices for student support.

The rooms were too small. The hotel was not a strong choice. Rooms on the basement and 21st levels caused us to be late upstairs and the room was already full in the topic I was interested in attending.

perhaps have a conference hosted panel on graduate student issues more effort to solicit papers, etc. on graduate student topics

Why are there no programs directly about student-athletes, notably for schools not in Division 1? (Looks like I have a proposal to write). The Big Universities seemed to dominate the attendees. Encouraging faculty advisors, small schools, liberal arts, etc. would diversify the group and help us learn from each other. (Also sounds like another proposal I need to write).

Facilities - make sure all sessions are on the same floor. Line for elevator was long which made people late if sessions were on different floors. Some sessions were so filled that people had to sit on the floor.

Orientation for new member: make it more about logistics/NACADA (info about the organization, info about conference logistics). Explain mentor program/extra activities better in emails to new participants.

I would recommend a conference site that includes more walking and movement. The Sheraton was a bit confining, but I understand that the registration was record breaking. I would also like to see more presentations on how technology aids in advising. How do advisors handle large advising loads and still maintain personal contact?

I would like to see more on community colleges.

Larger break out rooms. A lot of people had to sit on the floor.

Better accommodations! The layout of the hotel was not conducive to a conference at all!

Conferences are more catered to a university advisor rather than a community college advisor, there was a lot of great information, but not much was relatable to what we see in the community college.

sessions not having 21 floors of a building between them

I enjoy round-table discussions, that might be good to implement.

More female keynote speakers.

diversity of topics? I thought this team put really good effort in here though

adviser wellness--mental (compassion fatigue) and physical (sedentary work environment) Technology in advising

A little break time scheduled in the morning and afternoon. By the end of the first day, my back was killing me from sitting all day.

Ease of getting to sessions. I would want session presentations/handouts available online afterwards. Although several folks had nice materilas they shared with handouts. There was a nice broad group of sessions this year!

Maybe allow a little more time for the sessions, as well as time in between, if the conference location would be similar to that of this year. Maybe a wider variety of sessions. A lot seemed to focus on probation and appreciative advising.

Including more community college oriented session topics.

targeting more advising specialties (grad, underrepresented, etc.), more networking opportunities

More topics and support for community college advisors.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	74

10. Additional comments:

Text Response
What value does NACADA have to advising programs at small, liberal arts colleges?
The hotel setup was a little frustrating and the elevators were terrible.
I also attended the absolute worst conference session that I have ever been to. Telling Robin's Story - Concurrent Session II. Truly the worst thing I have been to in 8 years of professional conferences.
The hotel having conference rooms on either the lower level or the top floor was a little inconvenient. I understand if we did not have a record number of attendees this may not have been as big of an issue.
Awesome planning committee. Volunteers were easily spotted and helpful. Very enthusiastic and caring.
The facilities did not accommodate the number of guests. The elevators did not function or service the guests' needs. The facilities in the basement were too cramped for the number of guests. Navigating to the ballroom, the food and to the various tables was nearly impossible. It made for a frustrating experience.
The hotel was nice but rooms seemed small for the size of the conference.
I really wanted to attend the opening reception, but I could not bring myself to do it, as I do not support zoos. In the future, I would suggest hosting it somewhere that does not violate anyone's ethics.
The concurrent sessions taking place on the bottom and top floors was a bit inconvenient, as the elevator line could be long. At times, it controlled which sessions I went to because I didn't want to go up and down the elevators (or stairs).
N/a
The differences in temperature between the two concurrent session locations was extreme.
Most of the sessions were great. Food was mediocre.
I really enjoyed the conference and getting the chance to meet advisors from other colleges and universities. Presenters should have handouts for all sessions.
The hotel elevators seemed a bit strained with the # of riders. The HVAC system was quite unusual! Some rooms were freezing--some sweltering.
1. I thought the Sheraton was a good location, but I thought it was very inconvenient for sessions to occur on the lower level and the 21st level. 2. I liked that there were 3 food lines, the food was good, but I thought that there should have been an announcement to allow people with physical disabilities and expectant mothers to get their food first. 3. The conference length was perfect!
You all did a wonderful job and it ran very smoothly. I enjoyed the large variety and amounts of food that you served us! I do wish that you had offered more fruit and healthy options.
Thank you - the committee put together a really wonderful conference!
The hotel was not well set up for our conference. Being split between a lower floor and the 21st floor was rather inconvenient. We did not get to go to our first session due to having to wait for the elevators and then the session being full. The hallway was overcrowded at times on the 21st floor. The restrooms were not adequate for the breaks between sessions.
As someone with multiple food allergies, please offer rice or potatoes at each meal. Two pasta options at lunch resulted in a salad and green bean lunch; I wasn't aware of the gluten-free meals until the morning of the last day. Also, please offer fruit at each meal as an alternative to dessert (allergies again). Actually, can I assist the meal planning committee?!
Thank you to everyone who organized the conference -- nicely done!
Do not hold at the Sheraton again. The bathrooms were not maintained. The elevators did not always work. The rooms downstairs were steamy hot.
WONDERFUL and very educational experience!
There were way too many attendees for the hotel space. Not enough seating at meals, sessions closed, only a few elevators, only two bathrooms.... The overall quality would have been greatly improved with fewer people or a larger space.
I had a great experience and am looking forward to next year!
Unfortunately, the facility fell significantly short of meeting the needs of a large conference. Indy is a great community and visitor-friendly city...perhaps another facility would welcome the chance to host the conference in future years.
Parking and space were an issue. Even coming early, the parking garage had no parking. The lunch lines and snacks were empty. The staff at the hotel were rude, did not attend to the conference. Moving people to the 21st floor took forever and the rooms were completely full. I am so happy this conference had an amazing turn out, but the hotel should have done a better job accommodating the group.
The conference sessions being split between floors 1 and 21 was unfortunate, I would recommend seeking facilities better equipped to handle all sessions on 1 level or 2 nearby levels in the future.
N/A
Do not pick a hotel where there are 20+ floors between sessions. I loved the hotel location in the heart of Indianapolis, yet I missed or was late to sessions due to the layout of the breakout rooms.
My first experience with a NACADA conference was great! The layout of the Sheraton and slow elevators limited which sessions I attended.
Conference co-chairs handled the HUGE conference beautifully - the mentoring lunch was excellent and kept it from being too crowded at lunch. Transportation was excellently planned and executed for zoo reception.
The hotel workshop rooms had issues regarding temperature control. Some were rather cold and other very warm.
I think that the conference was too large for the space provided. I had to stand in every single one of my sessions and the parking garage filled up on Friday before 7:30am. There was also a lack of food at the lunch. I would rather get food on my own and be able to network more.
Sheraton was not a good fit for the amount of people at this conference!!!
Overall, the conference was a great professional experience!
Please do not have a conference in a hotel that requires people to travel from the top floor to the basement between sessions! That was awful and I chose sessions based partially on WHERE they were located.
hotel was tricky with rooms either on top of lowest level
The hotel elevators were the worse part of the conference. Having sessions 21 floors apart made it difficult to get to and from sessions. Having only 2 working elevators sometimes really hindered things. Please try and schedule it at a facility where the rooms can be closer together and easier to get to.
Unfortunately, the hotel seemed a bit small to accommodate the large number of people attending this year's conference. It was difficult to get from the lower level to the 21st

floor for the concurrent sessions. In some cases, location was my deciding factor in choosing a session to attend, as the line for the elevator was just too long to contend with.

I felt like the majority of the topics covered in concurrent sessions were surface level. Even as a relatively new advisor, I left all but one of my sessions with little to no new information.

The hotel was slightly inconvenient with presentations 20 floors apart and elevators not always working well. There were also insufficient bathrooms on the 21st floor.

Overall I thought the conference was very well done even with the overflow of people. I learned a lot!

Ran out of parking and had to pay \$16 to park for one day.

Have all sessions on one main floor. The elevators were crowded and by the time you went up or down you were late for the session. Make sure rooms can accommodate participants.

thank you for all your hard work! I know the behind the scenes is stressful and demanding; I appreciate your effort! I also really appreciated the included meals and timing of the conference

I used the "request for feedback about my stay" automatic email I received from the Sheraton to express anger about the elevators not stopping on floors in between lobby and 21st-- Other than that, the hotel was very good. The meals were very good for a conference-type venue.

Those elevators were a mess, y'all.

Thank you for the emphasis on health. I loved the yoga and the fun run, and the trip to the zoo was great!

excellent conference committee and volunteers - always knowledgeable and helpful

While the hotel was nice, the Indy Sheraton had the dumbest conference set up I've ever seen. Moving hundreds of people between the top and bottom floors? 2 bathroom stalls on a conference floor? Be sure to check facilities for more appropriate accommodations in the future!

Though the Sheraton was nice overall, the downstairs rooms for the sessions were extremely hot. It definitely took away from the presentation and I know several people started choosing sessions based on room location. I know I did for a session or two because I was sweating!

I would have given the conference facilities a "very good" but having the sessions on the top and bottom floors of the hotel caused a lot of issues. I was unable to attend a few sessions because I was already on the bottom floor and didn't have enough time to reach the top floor. Also, some of the sessions were way over crowded.

Indianapolis = great. Sheraton = unimpressive. On all counts...except the eggs were good.

I was disappointed that the mentor/mentee lunch involved a separate speaker. I know and like Jennifer but would have preferred to be able to hear the other speaker. Perhaps a "satellite" feed of some sort would have been a good choice to allow those who volunteer to participate in this extra program still feel part of the general conference and what our colleagues were hearing.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	54

11. What conference costs were covered by your institution? In the comments section, indicate other sources of funding or any explanations of your answers to help us in our future planning.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Conference registration fee		117	94%
2	NACADA Membership		83	66%
3	Hotel expenses		76	61%
4	Mileage and tolls		78	62%
5	Airfare		7	6%
6	Meal expenses		62	50%
7	Other:		15	12%
8	Further comments about your response:		11	9%

Other:	Further comments about your response:
parking	
shuttle to/from Indy	
Parking	
grant funded	
Bus transportation	
Parking	I am local to Indianapolis which made this an especially affordable conference
Funding from MIACADA	
Parking	Since I am with IUPUI I did not receive a per diem, air fare, mileage, or hotel. Has the conference been elsewhere I would of had those expenses provided.
transportation	
Parking	
Parking	
rental car through university's motorpool and parking	
parking	
Received free conference registration from 2014 Annual Conference Region Meeting	
parking	
	As far as I know, this was a one-time thing. I may not be able to attend if my department has no excess funds this fiscal year.
	MIACADA Grant- Registration Fee
	At my institution each each advisor is given a budget and we can use it how we see fit as long as we wrote up a proposal and return to our campus and present.
	2 different campus grants
	I had to write a grant from our college's foundation to receive funding for this experience.
	Please tie the membership and conference fee together.
	My institution pays for those who present or are involved in NACADA leadership.
	funded by grant
	Title III grant

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	125