

# Additional comments about the Poster Presentations

- Overall, it was useful...seeing what other campuses are doing. seeing if we could apply any of the research studies to what we do, etc.
- I was very surprised at the breadth of subjects covered by Institutional Research Offices across the system. Before this conference, I thought IR was limited to student and faculty demographics and student experience. I did not realize it also analyzed broad issues such as housing and parking.
- The poster presentations were very effective and well-done. The 15-minute format worked extremely well because it required the presenters to focus on the most important issues. It also helped move the agenda along and created room and space for all campuses to present. All and all, it was very enjoyable and informative to see the range of issues and approaches that the IR and Student research offices deal with. A very good idea to do it this way.
- I think it was useful to hear about different projects. It might be good to start with this type of presentations so that you could discuss the topics with people over dinner or in more settings. On the last day, it might be too tight for some folks.
- Don't get me started on small cells !! Like Sirinda's a lot as well as the UCB one on Academic Program Review -- and, also especially, the UC Davis one on Retention of entering students

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- Poster presentations on methods that other campuses could use are helpful. Presenting research that you've done on X that isn't necessarily giving information other than the specific content of X isn't very useful for others and is maybe better suited toward academic meetings than administrative ones.
- Poster presentations were the most interesting part of the conference for me/except for the budget overview
- Overall the presentations were interesting and informative. I don't know that the posters were a positive addition to the process.
- Need more time -- especially transition time and someone needed to keep track of time -- the folks at the end got shortchanged due to too many questions in the earlier sessions.
- People conformed with the time restraints quite well.
- Have posters posted a day earlier to allow more time to their review.
- Some presentations were at high level of generality--making them less useful. This may have been due to time-pressure. Schedule fewer sessions with more details.
- It might be good to give people the option of poster vs. presentation and have a mix. There was just some confusion as to what the format would actually be, so everyone did both. Some fit one format better than the other.

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- Provide more handouts for others to take home. Perhaps in lieu of the formal poster.
- Wish there was a "Somewhat" radio button for "effective way" question
- This was not what I expected as a 'poster' presentation.
- After hearing the presentation - was less inclined to go look at the posters, especially if a handout had been provided (which was appreciated).
- I liked having a brief presentation in addition to the posters.
- The 15 minute presentations (with or without the posters) was an effective way to share a diverse series of projects within the system. The fact that each campus (aside from two program review presentations) had something different to share was refreshing.
- Next time, skip the posters and just focus on "mini power point" presentations. These short presentations hit the highlights of a great variety of exciting projects!
- Have it in a bigger room so that it's easier to walk around and look at the posters. Put up the posters earlier in the conference so there's more time to look at them.
- The set up of the room did not allow for me to join the group after presentations have started. Further, shortly after I arrived the door to the room was closed, which made it extremely awkward to try and join the session.

# What aspect(s) of this conference would you like to have structured differently in the future?

- Bigger room, softer/more chairs, more chances to stand up and stretch.
- More small group discussions.
- Perhaps more concurrent sessions with one being more student research centered and the other IR -- I would have liked to attend both of the sessions that were offered concurrently and would have easily skipped some of the survey presentations.
- People should be able to present information through the venue in which they are most comfortable; perhaps some folks don't know this about themselves.
- I would like to see more structure (guidelines for verbal presentation) around the poster session. This was an excellent opportunity to share various accomplishments from each campus.
- Mix the poster sessions with the presentations

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- Some of the breaks were actually too long, especially on the second day. I would have preferred to move at a quicker pace and finish earlier.
- none
- Would have been good to have had some time to see the campus -- but that was in NO WAY the "fault" or "problem" of the conference and timing -- there just wasn't enough time. Let alone to walk along the beach!!!
- Many thanks to the conference organizers and presenters.
- The entire conference was put together wonderfully. However, the room was too crowded and the temperature was too low.
- It would be great to go around the room at the beginning, to have each campus highlight the issues they are grappling with and then introduce who is there.
- There could be a few breakout sessions by topics to highlight current or future topics, e.g., have one session on VSA and what is being proposed or alumni surveys and what would be a useful core set of questions.
- More sessions like we had towards the end with discussion on specific issues that affect us all, like the system wide senior survey, etc. It seems like if we are all together, we could work through some of these discussions that are needed on big decision items.

## What aspect(s) of this conference would you like to have structured differently in the future? (Continued)

- In the future, I'd like to see us use our time together to make decisions regarding inter-campus collaboration, not just describe what we do on our individual campuses. We had a great opportunity to make decisions about standardizing using the AAUDE senior and alumni surveys as templates for standardized UC senior and alumni surveys, but didn't. We also had an opportunity to discuss how we might collectively operationalize "freshman experience participant" for the UCUES survey, but did not. Moving forward together requires making decisions together, so I'd like to see us spend more of the limited time we spend together focused on making decisions.
- It would have been "easier" if the conference was held at the same place as lodging. but I'm sure that is also more expensive, so can't really complain about that.
- None, overall I thought it was one of the best IR conferences I've attended.
- As I mentioned before, I think that it would have been better to mix up the types of presentations (not all long sessions on the first day and shorter, joint presentations and posters on the second day). Also, the topics on the first day seemed a bit heavily skewed toward IR and those on the second day were more of interest to Student Affairs and IR. I think that it would have been helpful to mix them up a bit so that there was a little of both on each day.

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- More breaks. Choices for sessions. Shorter sessions. Shorter conference. More opportunities for discussion among participants.
- The parking kiosk was difficult to locate.
- Possibly a mix of poster presentations and longer presentations to break up the day...and an overview of how the various IR offices around Campus are structured...they seem quite different from one another...
- I'd rather not have poster presentations again except maybe during lunch and breaks for those who are interested.
- I found the main conference room a bit chilly. Otherwise, everything was great! Thanks!
- Lunch break was too long the first day, but more short breaks were needed during the longer sessions. Skip the posters next time and just go with a "highlights" session instead: 10 min presentations on any topic, with a few minutes for questions. Consider more concurrent sessions, especially splitting off survey research. Also, it would be great if group tours or outings to the bookstore could be included. I know time is short, but we seldom visit the other campuses. Go slugs!

# What were the most useful things you gained/learned from attending this conference?

- It was great to be able to network with UC colleagues and share ideas in such a welcoming and relaxed environment.
- The interaction among campus personnel is extremely valuable.
- Meeting other IR people from the various campuses. You learn a lot by sitting with various people and sharing your day-to-day experiences. The dinner at the Hilton was a great place to develop some camaraderie. The raffle brought out the "fun" in everyone.
- The first afternoon break out session (Budget Process and Enrollment) was very informative for someone who has been in the department less than 1 year. It was very timely with the recent announcement of budget cuts.
- Knowledge of the UCOP budget; Use of survey tools at the campus level; A strategy for handling small cell sizes
- It was beneficial to get a detailed understanding of what resources were being provided to the UC campuses via UCOP and how those resources have been used effectively.
- UCOP information from Mike Clune was most useful.
- UCOP tools and data sources
- The IR/SR community is rich and vibrant!

## What were the most useful things you gained/learned from attending this conference? (Continued)

- As a newcomer to the field this conference was a great learning experience for me and a great opportunity to meet other like professionals from across UC. It was both informative and enjoyable. Since this was my first IR conference of any kind I appreciated that it focused on just the UC system. I especially enjoyed the presentation by Mike Clune and the lunchtime address by Dan Greenstein.
- I thought the sharing of knowledge was incredibly valuable. Learning about the studies that the other campuses are doing and how they have done them may inspire similar studies on our campus and/or provide valuable insight into how to facilitate the process. Also, knowing what obstacles others have faced in similar circumstances is always invaluable knowledge and can save much time and frustration.
- How other campuses approached program review; How other folks approached research questions; Meeting other colleagues and forming a network of mutual support
- I think it is an OUTSTANDING opportunity for those of us doing similar (and different) things on the different campuses to just make a little personal "contact" with one another -- the sharing of ourselves, our experiences, our frustrations, and successes -- etc. etc. is invaluable for both morale and productivity.

## What were the most useful things you gained/learned from attending this conference? (Continued)

- Getting to know what UC IR folks do.
- Budget process, and issues UC faces and backgrounds and application of new data management technology.
- \*Learned about the importance of the work we do. \*All campuses face similar problems and perform similar analyses. \*Learned about the overall operation of the UC System.
- Networking, and focusing on UC specific issues, requirements, systems, and methods.
- I think having the day on OP was really good - the more we get to understand and appreciate our perspectives to work on a campus vs. system wide the more we can get together. I also like the option of seeing different campuses. I had never been to UCSC - it is a beautiful campus and interesting to see.

## What were the most useful things you gained/learned from attending this conference? (Continued)

- Learning what colleagues are doing and the tools they are using...getting new ideas.
- Networking...meeting people from other campuses...putting a face to a name...besides all that i learned, that had to be the best part.
- Sharing ideas
- I learned about tree sitters and banana slug slippers! Seriously, the most informative general session for me was about the UC budget process and enrollment. I got
- I lot of good nuggets from the poster sessions and will follow up with some colleagues to "borrow" their ideas and test them on my campus.
- The poster presentations were very useful and interesting, reflecting the vast array of projects that IR offices work on.
- A sense of the wide range of issues that student research and IR offices across the campuses deal with; great updates on some data warehousing techniques;
- The conference gave some of the more junior analysts in the UC campuses an opportunity to develop their own professional skills, which was great.

## What were the most useful things you gained/learned from attending this conference? (Continued)

- Great overall learning experience about the UC system.
- I was pleased to learn how to access data on new UCOP sites. (Sam and Dominique's presentations were very useful) Great interactions and networking!!! Learned a lot from the budget process presentation
- Enrollment planning was very interesting.
- I tend to like to know how data and IR are being used in planning and decision making...not so much how warehouses are being built and data integrity issues...
- BUDGET OVERVIEW! Also, really beneficial to meet in person the people I work with.
- It's great to learn more about the system-wide perspective, resources at OP, issues at OP, etc. The keynote speaker really caused us to think differently about collaboration among the campuses and also about opportunities to improve the integrity of our own campus data.

Which of the following topics would you be interested in learning more about at a future institutional and student research conference? (Please check all that apply.) - Other (please specify)

- Graduate Program Issues
- more big-picture explanations
- Graduate Education
- Campus issues
- Current issues for UC IR
- Student Research

# Do you have any other additional comments?

- The conference was a great interactive experience within the system and UCOP.
- It was a good use of my time.
- I truly enjoyed myself and learned a great deal! Thank you!
- The success of this conference/retreat is due in LARGE part to the hosts! UCSC did a fantastic job and future hosts will be challenged to do as well. Many thanks to Kathleen, Meredith Michaels, Julian, Sue, Kimberly, Sirinda, Cari and the entire cast and crew of UCSC - your hard work is much appreciated
- I hope it becomes a regular/annual event.
- The hotel was fine but too far away from the campus or town to take a walk.
- A little too much was packed into the conference schedule. The second day, the afternoon sessions suffered somewhat.

# Do you have any other additional comments? (Continued)

- I didn't walk away either inspired or hopeful after the lunchtime speaker. I felt for those who work at OP and it made me realize we are all in this together - both in how we get our work done, how we can support one another and how we can appreciate our different constraints we are under. I think we should have a comedian next time - we could use a good laugh.
- The food was really good (not that that is what we all focus on).
- I thought the retreat contributed to my professional development in so many ways. thanks!
- GREAT CONFERENCE !!!
- The lottery / gift give-away on Wednesday evening at dinner was really fun!