



Convocation Evaluation Report



Academic Services

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The following tables contain detailed results on the Convocation held August 20, 2008. A total of 114 persons responded to the survey.

Highlights:

- 77.3% strongly agreed or agreed that the learning outcomes presentation provided valuable information.
- 87.6% strongly agreed or agreed that assessment was a worthwhile activity.
- 86.6% strongly agreed or agreed that the demographic update provided valuable information.
- 94.6% strongly agreed or agreed that Dr. Wheelan's presentation was informative.
- 83.3% were very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of Convocation.
- 59.7% were very satisfied or satisfied that Convocation was a motivational experience for them.

Comments:

Many commented on how they enjoyed Dr. Wheelan's presentation and felt that she discussed many important points. There were some comments about not having cluster meetings scheduled and that some faculty missed having them; there was no "prohibition" against cluster meetings and faculty could have met if they so chose. Many also felt that a formal break should have been scheduled in the middle of the event.

Overall, the comments were positive and many remarked that this was the best Convocation they had attended.

1. Which of the following best describes your position at PBCC?						
		Response Percent	Response Count			
Faculty		87.6%	99			
Staff		4.4%	5			
Administrator		8.0%	9			

2. Please select your primary work location.				
		Response Percent	Response Count	
Lake Worth		58.0%	65	
Palm Beach Gardens		18.8%	21	
Boca Raton		20.5%	23	
Belle Glade		2.7%	3	
Historical Building		0.0%	0	

3. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:						
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Response Count
The Learning Outcomes Assessment presentation gave me valuable information.	31.8% (35)	45.5% (50)	16.4% (18)	4.5% (5)	1.8% (2)	110
I feel I understand PBCC's approach to assessment at an acceptable level.	31.3% (35)	56.3% (63)	9.8% (11)	2.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	112
I need to learn more about assessment.	5.6% (6)	36.1% (39)	32.4% (35)	24.1% (26)	1.9% (2)	108

3. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:						
I feel that assessment is a worthwhile activity.	43.4% (49)	44.2% (50)	9.7% (11)	1.8% (2)	0.9% (1)	113
The Demographic update provided valuable information.	37.5% (42)	49.1% (55)	10.7% (12)	2.7% (3)	0.0% (0)	112
I would like more information on PBCC's demographics.	10.6% (12)	25.7% (29)	45.1% (51)	17.7% (20)	0.9% (1)	113
I think that Dr. Wheelan's presentation was informative.	66.7% (74)	27.9% (31)	2.7% (3)	1.8% (2)	0.9% (1)	111
I think our emphasis should be on student learning rather than teaching.	35.4% (40)	28.3% (32)	25.7% (29)	9.7% (11)	0.9% (1)	113
I feel I have a good understanding of accreditation.	24.5% (27)	52.7% (58)	21.8% (24)	0.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	110
I think the award presentations are an important part of Convocation.	36.3% (41)	38.1% (43)	17.7% (20)	6.2% (7)	1.8% (2)	113
4. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following items:						
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Response Count
The quality of Convocation	29.8% (34)	53.5% (61)	10.5% (12)	5.3% (6)	0.9% (1)	114
The scope of the information presented	28.9% (33)	56.1% (64)	8.8% (10)	4.4% (5)	1.8% (2)	114
The usefulness of the information	28.1% (32)	52.6% (60)	12.3% (14)	7.0% (8)	0.0% (0)	114

4. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following items:						
presented						
The quality of the presentations	30.1% (34)	53.1% (60)	13.3% (15)	3.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	113
The overall format of Convocation	26.3% (30)	52.6% (60)	11.4% (13)	9.6% (11)	0.0% (0)	114
The time I had to network with colleagues	16.7% (19)	43.0% (49)	21.1% (24)	14.9% (17)	4.4% (5)	114
Convocations' overall value in helping me improve effectiveness	23.0% (26)	38.9% (44)	26.5% (30)	9.7% (11)	1.8% (2)	113
Convocation was a motivational experience for me	24.6% (28)	35.1% (40)	29.8% (34)	8.8% (10)	1.8% (2)	114

5. General Comments:

1. NA
2. Bring back cluster meetings on convocation day -- a valuable part of the day that was missed by many!
3. The presentations inspired me to continue to expand my assessment efforts and to think more creatively in this area. I only marked dissatisfied with demographic information, because it seems obvious in the classroom - but it does stir me to get involved with diversity initiatives. Thanks!
4. Need more than a 30 second break mid way.
5. As a new PSAV instructor, I came away with lots of helpful information, and cannot emphasize enough how much I enjoyed and was impressed by Dr. Wheelan's presentation. What an awesome woman!
6. This diminution of cluster meetings indicates that there seems to be a reduced emphasis on the classroom. It is in these professional relationships with our curriculum peers that we are able to strengthen the academic program. Not that knowledge of the administrative function lacks importance. Of course we need to be aware of the requirements of accreditation, how decisions made by the Legislature will affect us, and what future plans there are for the College. However such decisions as

course topics to include or not, problems with textbooks have a direct impact on our classroom. The classroom should be of primary importance. It is in these joint meetings of all our colleagues from all campuses that we share such curriculum decisions. Years ago we were given time for those discussions but in past years, the time became increasingly used in discussions for the administration.

7. Food is your key, not an afterthought--more time with colleagues would provide a better overall beginning to the year.
8. Bell's presentation was great.
9. Awards, presented at large gatherings of college employees are great...however, please remind presenters that they are not "key note" speakers.
10. Need to break the sessions for people to go to restrooms, or just to give them a break. In addition, the human mind cannot handle information for this long time.
11. The information was informative and motivational
12. Best convocation to date. Great job!!! Belle was wonderful, refreshing and right on point.
13. Overall, 8:30am to noon is way too long to be sitting and listening. The speaker was wonderful, but much of the other information could have been communicated in an hour or by e-mail. I would rather see an hour and a half convocation, and cluster meetings. I know many faculty dislike cluster meetings, but I feel they are a positive chance to collaborate and make decisions. So....9:00-10:30am for convocation, 11-12 for clusters. I think we can do without a lot of the speeches at the beginning!
14. I know you'll never make all of us happy at the same time, but I would have liked time for a cluster meeting. Dr. Whellan was GREAT!!!
15. informative
16. What happened to Cluster meetings???? Handouts were an improvement, need more. Standardize the presentation of award winners introduction and at least state the award winners area of expertise.
17. I don't quite understand this: "I think our emphasis should be on student learning rather than teaching." Can there be one without the other?
18. Well done. Thank you.
19. Dr. Wheelan was excellent. What a shame that such a small number of attendees were present. It seems that with every convocation and development day gathering, the number of attendees is lower than before. It takes time out of work to be done to attend, and doesn't seem fair that so many do not go. There is always something positive that can be taken from the general sessions, but it's becoming less worth the effort when so many do not participate and there is no consequence for 'skipping' and no reward for attending.
20. The cookie matrix was a good template to help design assessment tools.
21. I think we have to have a Cluster Meeting after Convocation.
22. Dr. Wheelan's presentation was outstanding. It touched on the real issues of teaching and learning in the community colleges of today.
23. My attention span is about 1 1/2 hours. It's hard to sit for that long.
24. One more complete waste of time and energy. The Speaker was a disaster. Just more of the same old same old. Please at least try to do something slightly worthwhile.
25. I loved Dr. Belle's presentation... insightful, funny, articulate and right on task for faculty who want to do more than just teach, for faculty who want to engage students and leave them with a positive learning experience.
26. Great keynote! I'm a 20-year veteran faculty and this, I think, was the best convocation I've experienced. Excellent!
27. Our guest speaker was great. Faculty awards always important. WAY too much time on all the other presentations.
28. This was tighter than some past convocations. The speaker was animated and informative, well plugged in on important matters.

29. Dr. Wheelan's presentation was superb. Thank you for inviting her.
30. The integration of graphics into some of the presentations was excellent. It was entertaining and very relevant. Dr. Wheelan was excellent! Her presentation style is "down home, let's get real and let's get to work".
31. Nice job the time was well spent. However, it would be good to schedule a stretch break or two during the event.
32. I think our emphasis should be on student learning, teaching and assessment.
33. More time to network with colleagues. Better coffee and etc.
34. Dr. Wheelan was a good choice for speaker, and I enjoyed her speech. Some of the people presenting awards and/or new hires were very succinct and articulate, and some were not.... Finishing ahead of schedule was an unexpected treat--especially since we lost a day of preparation time to the storm.
35. I really enjoy seeing other parts of the campus as part of convocation.
36. #3 I don't think that teaching and student learning can be approached by determining which should have more emphasis. In my opinion, you can't have one without the other.
37. The keynote speaker was excellent - she was encouraging, informative and inspirational, and brief - I think we all appreciate the information we get at convocation, but we also want to dive into our teaching and planning as soon as we can.
38. Dr. Sass: The Convocation meeting was very informative! Thanks for including our PSAV Instructors in this event. Regards, Luis
39. I think this was the best convocation I attended; short and to the point.
40. Excellent info and nice mix of subjects. One major problem for some of us: Really must schedule one health break halfway thru (before the keynote speaker). Folks lose focus when they need to be excused but must embarrass themselves by leaving during a speaker. None of us are youngsters anymore and many have "conditions" that prevent an unbroken 3 hour meeting.
41. Liked the format and how well this morning ran - good job:)
42. Dr. Gallon gave an excellent speech, it picked up morale
43. Faculty are being paid - this is a duty day - yet they all do not attend and there are no consequences - if they don't want to attend they should be made to file a leave form. Do they have such loose standards for their students on attendance? These are probably the same faculty who lock their doors if students are a minute late.
44. I wish that the folks who use PP presentations would NOT read them to me. If they feel that reading the presentations is important, it would probably be a good idea to use some other approach.
45. Excellent program; perhaps moving the time for Convocation to the afternoon would encourage more faculty to attend.