Conversation Day 2010 Feedback Comments

I would recommend changing the way that the meals are set up.
Great Conversation Day.....Lunch line too long, Aramark should have planned ahead to support at least two lines and refilled the salad bar instead of just looking at the empty containers! I know a food complaint but I have no complaints only compliments for the Conversation Day organizers and facilitators.
Committee planned the day well. Lunch by Aramark was horrible.
Please notify the faculty in a more timely manner without changing the date. My clinical calendar was already final. Please have it before classes start. Thanks.
A number of faculty have spent significant time serving on past AQUIP action committees only to learn later that their recommendations were dismissed outright. Thus, not much willingness by most faculty to want to invest more time in fruitless discussions. I guess the AQUIP folks though are impressed to some extent by the "allusion" of real engagement resulting from these sessions.
Lunch: The food was good Logistics: Awful
I'm unsure of the purpose of what we did in the session on general learning outcomes.
Food lines were ridiculously long, as usual. Otherwise, it was better than the previous two years as far as opportunities for meaningful conversation.
Why do we continue to schedule these meetings when an afternoon of classes has to be cancelled? It's difficult enough to get students to attend classes on Fridays w/out giving them a reason to miss. If it's important at all, we should schedule a retreat. If everyone doesn't go, it's their lose. Some people will do most of the "work" and others would just as soon not be there anyway. The only one really worth attending was the first one at Bella Vista when we brought in guest speakers.
Related to # 7 - "The Conversation Day exercises enhanced my ability to apply new knowledge in the future." It remains to be seen if we are given the data we said we needed to make informed decisions, so I cannot give a positive or negative response until action is taken.
Having the event on campus was great!
I would have liked to have gone to more than one of the offered break out sessions. Maybe they could be offered in the morning and again in the afternoon, or alternate lunch times or something like that.
Lunch was kind of a disaster -- a wait of nearly an hour in the sun for those at the back of the line.
great sessions and information
While the topics discussed during the breakout sessions were very informative, the facilities were not adequate for the process analysis breakout session. The set up for the lunch was very inconvenient also where it took some staff an hour to get their lunch and the food was only marginal.
State interference in community college policies and procedures is harming students and their education.
Pre-ordered box lunches would be a better option than what was planned. The food was fine, standing in line for 30 minutes for a sandwich and bag of chips wasn't acceptable. Only for the brownie. :)

I felt the explaination of the 4 sessions offered was not a good summary of what actually took place. As a fairly new employee I was unable to make a decision about which session to attend because of the lack of information. Also, there was far too much time given to each activity. We could have condensed the day or added topics and sessions into the wasted time. I also felt like the session of brainstorming policies was not well explained and led and therefore turned into a gripe session at our small round table because no one understood what we were suppose to do- this was reflected when groups stood to report and didn't know what to report about because there were not clear expectations given at the beginning of the session.
Some of us work an alternating Friday/Saturday schedule so we did not attend Conversation Day
The set-up for lunch was woefully inadequate. Serving a large crowd one-at-a-time simply does not work. We are being asked to develop assessment tools, and very few of us have studied curriculum development/evaluation/assessment at the graduate education level. I would prefer less time spent on why we're doing it, and more time on HOW to do it correctly! We need clear, concise instructions. It would have been so great to have actually accomplished something in our breakout session.
GREAT JOB!! Food lines were long (we waited for almost one hour in line) however the benefits far outweighed that hitch. I thought this CD was the best yet!
there needs to more lines available to make lunch service faster
Was not happy with processes previous to Conversation Day - may have just needed more of an explanation of why only a few seemed to be involved. Conversation Day was suprisingly better than I expected. thanks -
More specific info on the breakout sessions in order to choose one. More specific info on how the whole day was going to go. Lunch was nice, but needed a leader to direct lines to speed things up.
Perhaps less time should be devoted to lunch so that the meetings could start and end earlier.
Since I am new, I found this very interesting and such a good way for us to voice our opinions and suggestions. I think we should have this at least twice a year. The food should have been handled differently..maybe a BBQ outside where it could have gone faster. Thanks!
Know these things are "required" by various agencies but personally feel my time would have been better spent in the office ro working with students
I was impressed with the involvement of college leaders that day.
I attended the mini program review. The title of the break out group was misleading. I interpreted the title to mean that we would be informed about how to complete a review of our specific programs, not the AA, AAS degree plans. Also, the facilitators were prepared as well as they could be in my opinion, as they even admitted they did not have all the information to answer our questions. I felt we should have been sent the documents and new state guidelines before the meeting so that in our groups we could have come up with specfici recommendations and didn't have to spend time learning about the recommendations.
Some other food arrangement needs to be made. The time that was used standing in line could have been better used.

I thought that there was not enough information given out beforehand to be able to really know what was going to happen in this particular Conversation Day. For example, I did not know what session to pick based on the scant information. Also, the locations were not always communicated in both of the informational emails that I received. I did appreciate the opportunity to converse during the luncheon and the fact that I did not feel rushed.
The session I attended was on brainstorming processes. I think a lot of great ideas came out of this session and I just hope some of them are implemented.
Multiple lunch lines were needed. Too much time spent in line for the limited menu selection. This time could be used in longer meetings.
More Food line's next time would help
Well organized, well led, and totally pointless. The opening session was silly with no--absolutely not any--valuable information. The session on Gen Ed Outcomes was also an absolute waste of time.
Conversation Day was a pleasant experience.
An AQIP suggestions form that can be filled in and sent electronically or printed out and dropped somewhere for anonymity. People should not have to wait until conversation day to share their ideas.
Like the half day and staying on campus!
only having one lunch line was awful. Stood in line over an hour. Maybe next year it can be two lines to cut down on the time? Thank you!
Lunch was a disaster! It took way too long. We could have had 2 breakout sessions for the time it took to eat. Box lunches would have been faster.
I really felt this was a wonderful event!
I would like to see Student Services work with other areas of the college(e.g. Corporate Learning) in regard to registrations and scheduling of classes. I believe that both areas of the college would benefit from sharing best practices.
I believe that there should be more creativity to the activities planned. I felt as if there was not a build up of enthusiasm for the event overall. Maybe it should be more publicized and better explained. Overall I believe the purpose of the event was somewhat apparent but not as much as it could be. There should be a committee to plan the event. The committee should consist of staff, faculty and the personel of the AQIP office.
Lunch was a challenge in that it took so long for people to go through the line, and it was a little too hot outside for most of us. Several of us ate inside because we are not supposed to be in the sun for extended periods of time. Canopies might have been helpful, or perhaps different logistics for the distribution of the food.
Lunch: too much time spent standing in line in the hot sun--maybe sack lunches next or pre-cooked burgers next time.
More explanation of the break-out topics would have been helpful in determining which session to attend.
Providing boxed luches would have reduced the amount of time wasted standing in line for food. This would have allowed more "conversation" to take place during the lunch time with colleagues and/or for the breakout sessions.
Lunch was poorly planned, with no consideration of crowd control.

Some of us would have been helped by descriptions of the AQUIP sessions we could choose from.
I liked staying on campus this year, rather than going off campus for the meeting.
We really needed to have two or more serving lines at lunch. There were so many of us that it took a long time to get our food. I liked eating outside, though!