

2013 VRAS Feedback Received

Were you satisfied with your symposium experience?

Very informative.
Very satisfied, I enjoyed the panel discussions.
Absolutely! Great topics, panels, and interaction!
Yes, although format of full audience listening to all panels was not as useful.
Yes, the panels and Q&A were effective and engaging.
Yes
Yes
Yes
Some good lessons learned.
I learned some new things that I can share at my college. I was not happy that there was not more community college representation on panels. Much of the program was not relevant to both.
Yes, very much so. Lots of good information.
Yes, thought it was very good.
Yes, information useful
Absolutely! This was a very helpful experience
Yes!
Being mainly in analytics I was pleasantly surprised as to how interesting the conference was – it was nice that the presentations were based on experience. Very beneficial information
Yes, excellent topics and presentations
Yes, very informative
Yes, very informative
Yes, I like the panel format and Q&A
Yes, gained a lot of knowledge
Yes
Yes, learned a lot and discovered issues to follow up on
Yes
Yes, very helpful and informative. I was able to meet my counterparts at other institutions and see what they are doing
Yes, it is a good experience for me.
Yes, it was very informative. It also sparked new ideas.
Comments are positive re: the day's session as well as offer some good ideas for next year.
This was a very beneficial symposium for [my institution]. Thank you for organizing an insightful day.

Do you have any suggestions to improve the symposium for next year?

Break up day with small groups meetings among like institutions.
No.
Try to have a good mix of institutions on the panels (public, private, specialty). Allow SCHEV representative time to speak.
More direction for panelists to perhaps vary focus among panelists.
Just got a little long by the final one – maybe interject a different form of presentation/discussion at end or at some point in p.m. for “change”
More themed tables at lunch
NA
No
In the future, would value a more diverse program that includes more panelists from 2 year colleges.
Design a way to have a positive sharing between two year and four year institutions.
Longer sessions maybe extend to 1 ½ days. Have more networking time.
Make sure all panels have representation from both large and small schools.
Liked the format including the opportunity for networking with others
Do it again! Having one of the SACSCOC VPs here is <u>critical</u> .
I was extremely satisfied. Really appreciated having Barry (SACSCOC VP) speak.
I am not sure this is practical but more time for networking – I was able to network a bit – again, I realize time is constrained.
Probably more interaction at each participant table
Half day of concurrent sessions to enhance the number of topics addressed
Love the schedule and panels, might be a good idea to ask registrants to send questions and topics ahead of time
Maybe try for concurrent sessions and panels next year
Not really
More opportunities for small group conversations, problem-solving, exchange of ideas on good or best practices
Presentations very helpful, nice to see panelists that are in different stage of accreditation.
Allow a few mintues between each session to make room for using restroom, etc. That is, make it a little more relaxing. Sitting from 2-4:30 pm is too long!
No

Would you like to see more formats for next year's symposium? If so, do you have suggestions (concurrent sessions, presentations, etc.)?

Like the panels and rep from SACSCOC. Perhaps group by where you are in the process – 5 th year, 10 th year, etc.
More on specific SACSCOC interpretations.
Roundtables with “consultants” facilitating for participants at different stages of reaffirmation process: writing, off site response, on site pre/post visit.
Round table discussions as one format – outside of the lunch
I like the current format – it allows for a lot of trading information with other institutions
I think a session on introducing accreditation (illegible) to junior level faculty and ongoing faculty members is critical. Far too many new and future scholars are ignorant of this material, but are profoundly impacted by it.
More interactive sessions would be great, especially in the afternoon. Mixing up different formats would help make things more interesting and keep people engaged!
I liked the panels with (illegible) you could hear from others. Maybe tag for people from various institution types.
I thought the format this year worked well.
Liked having all in room together rather than concurrent sessions.
Don't know at this time.
Concurrent sessions which we applicable to two year college would be helpful
Table discussion if lunch w/ a facilitator – a person who has gone through an onsite visit
Some sessions could be concurrent to allow attendees decide which are relevant to their situation (e.g. distance)
Panel is good
Yes and yes, great idea
Assessing international programs
Maybe do panels in morning and breakout sessions in afternoon to break up the day with varied formats
Of course, concurrent sessions involving presentations as well as panel sessions will provide choices.
Perhaps the presentation of one or two case studies?
I'm not sure what I think about concurrent sessions since it would require breakout spaces likely adding to the cost. It would be hard to judge the size of breakout sessions - I have been to conferences where one group was overflowing and another had 1-5 participants. Breaking out by two-year and four year schools??? I benefitted from ideas whether they come from one or two years. Lots to think about but I guess the next group will take that assignment on!

This symposium was scheduled adjacent (date and location) to the VAG conference. Did this make it easier for you to attend the symposium? Next year's VAG conference is in Norfolk, VA. Would you prefer to have a similar situation for the symposium next year?

Yes! Love connection between conferences!
NA
This facility was great. Yes, it was convenient having both together.
NA not attending VAG
Yes
Yes definitely
Yes and yes
Yes
Yes!
That worked well – definitely!
Yes
Not really. I would like to for it to be in a more centralized location like Richmond or Charlottesville.
A similar situation would work well for our college.
Excellent to join the two meetings
Yes, this made it possible for me to attend both.
Yes, yes!
Yes
Yes and yes – however the location for next year is very geographically advantageous for our college
Yes, this makes it easier for personal scheduling. Next year in Norfolk is great!
Just came for VRAS. It makes sense to run VRAS with VAG
Yes. Prefer Williamsburg or Lexington
Yes, yes
<u>yes</u>
That would be fine. Makes it easier for me to attend both.
yes
Yes. Not able to go to both but would have saved money had I been able to attend both
Yes
Yes

If you are interested in helping to coordinate next year's symposium please provide your name, institution, and contact information (email, phone):

Answers omitted for distribution

More comments or suggestions?

Suggestion from participant whose colleague was unable to attend: Audio/video record the symposium.

Perhaps survey participants and aggregate common questions to facilitate session w/ SACSCOC VP and panels.

More discussion re: on site visit or different stages

Excellent Conference, very insightful.

The question is – do the four years want to hear from the two years? What can be shared? Are 4 years willing to learn from 2 years?

Thank you for all your hard work!

Thanks for putting this on – definitely worth the fee! Also, add panel member names to program and/or have name cards in front of them so they can be cross referenced with the very nice sincerity of participants

Possibly submit questions ahead of time for the SACSCOC representative. Some things for participants – possibly a survey to help do the (illegible)

Good job and info!

Great job!

Great day!

I really like this forum. It is informative and I congratulate the organizers for a job well done.