

The All-College Best Practices Kick-Off – Friday, August 17, 2012

Evaluation Results n = 80

Thank you for your participation in the All-College Best Practices Kick-Off for Spring 2012! Your anonymous feedback is greatly appreciated and will guide the planning of future kick-off events and other professional development offerings.

Please respond to the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Comments
Today's Kick-Off was a valuable experience for me.	46%	46%	8%	0%	0%	See appendix
I learned something today that I can use.	47%	44%	8%	1%	--	See appendix
I would recommend this Kick-Off event to a colleague.	45%	45%	9%	1%	0%	See appendix
I am interested in attending other Kick-Off events in the future.	51%	39%	9%	1%	0%	See appendix

Please rate your satisfaction in each of the following areas:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Comments
Location (ACEC, FRC & ICB)	65%	30%	5%	0%	0%	See appendix
Facilities/rooms (size, temp, AV)	53%	41%	5%	1%	--	See appendix
Food and beverages (morning and lunch)	30%	41%	20%	4%	5%	See appendix

Please indicate your employment categories below.

Part-time 24%	or	Full-time 76%		
Classified 9%		Faculty 35%	Pro-Tech 34%	Administrative 22%

The best part about today's Kick-Off was:

See appendix

Please share recommendations or feedback to help in the planning of future Kick-Offs:

See appendix

If you have suggestions for topics and/or presenters that would generate interest and appeal for the next Kick-Off, please identify them below.

See appendix

Appendix

August 2012 All College Best Practices Kick-Off

Evaluation Results: Comments to Open-ended Questions

Comments added to Question 1, Part 1 (Today's Kick Off was a valuable experience.)

Outstanding day with high value throughout.

My 3rd time attending; always informative for faculty, well organized.

Dr. Mark Milliron should be invited back!

Awesome Keynote Speaker!

A great way to start the semester! Many good breakout sessions to choose from - I had trouble picking just one at each time slot.

Comments added to Question 1, Part 2 (I learned something today that I can use.)

More about Blackboard and SharePoint, which I understand is the way teaching and learning is going. I also learned how useless your new Films on Demand is to physical sciences and health, since the newest videos are 2009 -2007, which is outdated.

Keynote speaker was super, as was J. Lara.

Keynote speaker gave lots of value resources!

FERPA class was great.

Dr Milliron was fantastic, and so was Jen.

At the librarians' session on films on demand.

Comments added to Question 1, Part 3 (I would recommend this Kick Off event to a colleague.)

Yes.

I think I'd let the colleague decide. I'd certainly explain what I learned and talk through what the colleague needs at this time.

Comments added to Question 1, Part 4 (I am interested in attending another Kick-Off.)

This year's keynote made the difference. In the future, I may not be as enthusiastic.

Yes.

Comments added to Question 2, Part 1 (Location—ACEC, FRC, & ICB)

Still hate that we can't take drinks into auditorium.

Comments added to Question 2, Part 2 (Facilities/rooms – size, temp, AV.)

A bit warm.

Did not like having the back section of the auditorium blocked off for seating.

I am really disappointed with the lighting in the auditorium. We have this state-of-the-art facility and seem not to have a handle on the lighting system. I don't know if it's impossible to light the stage or speaker because of the projector screen?

It was chilly in the auditorium, but I'll just bring a sweater next time!

Some rooms were pretty warm.

Comments added to Question 2, Part 3 (Food and beverages – morning and lunch.)

Was the pulled pork supposed to have a BBQ taste? If so, I didn't taste it. Soda at 10 was much appreciated, though.

Very nice change to have something instead of tacos!

Veggies with lunch would have been nice

Veggies were good!

The vegetarian options are always a disappointment and there is never bottled water.

Thank you for having soda - I don't drink coffee.

Some confusion of where to sit and eat lunch.

Ran out of coleslaw!

Pulled pork... needs BBQ Sauce maybe? No big.

NA

Lunch was pretty terrible.

Ingredient lists should be posted for all food offered- otherwise you are just serving mystery food for those with food allergies.

I wish we had a different catering service or could just order pizza. It's just dreadful.

I was pleased to see there was enough food this time around. Thank you!

I enjoyed the vegetarian options.

Didn't eat them so can't comment. But it looked good!

Question 5: The best part about today's Kick-Off was.....

"You are what you eat" session.

The speaker.

The speaker was great. I also thought the video about our Heartland students was illuminating.

The presentations by my peers. The outside presenters were fine, but with so many capable people on campus, it is a waste to spend so much on presentations by "experts" who add little new information.

The main speaker was insightful and inspiring. I appreciate that he had a background in higher education, unlike last keynote speaker.

The keynote. I attended a SharePoint session that was informative, but was ambivalent about spending so much time away from my office work.

The keynote was outstanding. Many good break-out sessions too. Keep them relevant to student and organizational success. This is NOT the place for personal enrichment options.

The keynote speaker.

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The keynote speaker, Jennifer Lara's enthusiasm, and the variety of topics.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Milliron was really great. He was a dynamic speaker and really got me thinking about higher education and where it is headed.

The keynote speaker was very interesting and informative.

The keynote speaker was very good.

The keynote speaker was great - engaging, entertaining and informative.

The keynote speaker, Mark Milliron.

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The keynote and Jen Lara!!!

The keynote address. Dr. Milliron was very engaging and informative. I walked away with information and tools that could be immediately applied.

The keynote address by Dr. Milliron was very interesting.

The guest speaker.

The energy amongst the attendees.

The breadth of break-out session topics.

Technology ideas

Speaker was great and so was session on writing recommendation letters. I wish that the recommendation letters would turn into a regularly offered session at kick-offs or in the IDC.

Really enjoyed the Keynote Speaker.

Networking with other faculty and the sessions themselves.

More offerings for staff in the breakout session.

Meeting and getting to know fellow HCC staff and the keynote!

Mark Milliron's sessions and his specific ideas/thoughts he shared with the Leadership Team.

Mark Milliron's keynote speech.

Mark Milliron.

Mark Milliron was incredible!! Best speaker/presenter that I've ever seen....ever!

Mark Milliron was a phenomenal keynoter!

Mark Milliron and Jen Lara were wonderful.

Mark Milliron

Main speaker

Loved the kick off keynote and Chris Downing and Jennie Kearney's session on values and leadership styles.

Keynote was very motivational and provided much food for thought on a variety of issues for community college employees to learn from.

Keynote was very engaging and knowledgeable!

Keynote speaker was outstanding even though he sometimes talked too fast to understand everything that he was saying.

Keynote speaker. I wasn't able to attend the sessions due to Financial Aid Office being busy.

Keynote speaker.

Keynote speaker, update on financial situation, workshops were valuable-each in their own way

Keynote speaker - I thought his message was a great way to 'rally the troops' for a successful semester.

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Keynote address by Mark Milliron. He was outstanding and had a timely message.

Keynote Address

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Keynote speaker was awesome.

It is just so great to get staff together to kick-off the fall semester. The energy was high and you could tell everyone was excited!

I was glad to attend Mark Milliron's presentation. It was interesting and lively. I was not able to attend other activities.

I wandered in to a Cornerstone meeting that was going on during lunch. I saw a colleague I wanted to eat lunch with and didn't realize it was a meeting. So, I appreciated Sarah D-H's explanation of Cornerstone and got excited about what they are doing. I'm not considering joining this group, but I have more knowledge about what is going on around the college and that helps me feel good about HCC and do my job well.

I thought the keynote address was current and motivational. I also felt the sessions that Jennifer Lara presented were also practical. I believe both of these presenters should be invited to return.

I think the breakout sessions were the most helpful part to me as a member of the faculty.

I enjoyed the breakout sessions the most since we were able to converse with our colleagues about specific issues in teaching.

I enjoyed the breakout sessions that I attended. The guest speaker was the best of the speakers we have had.

I enjoyed Dr. Milliron. Finally we had someone talking intelligently about community colleges and who was not a motivational speaker. I can do without the motivational speakers, in those cases I would rather be in my office working than listening to them.

Having multiple breakouts with multiple sessions to choose from.

Guest speaker

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Great workshops

Enjoyed Mark Milliron as a speaker. Love the kick off events. Great pulled pork but sauce would have been a bonus. Nice event.

Echoing the message that technology and its use within the classroom and out is invaluable in reaching students of all types. It may be the common thread that helps create more of a community in some classrooms.

Dr. Mark Milliron who appealed to a variety of employee groups and wove the theme of change into the broader conversations at the college. Well done!

Discussion with colleagues.

Connecting with colleagues.

Question 6: Please share any other recommendations or feedback to help in the planning of future Kick-Off events.

The video of students was more for the administration than the faculty, since this is what faculty see and understand every day in the classroom.

The breakout sessions are the real focus of the event.

Sometimes the soft wall room dividers transfer noise from room to room- a bit distracting.

Please consider adding a few more breakouts geared toward the Classified/Professional staff. Many of the sessions seemed to be more for Faculty.

Please bring back Jen Lara. Her energy was amazing, and her break out session was very engaging and informative. Loved her!

Nothing at this time.

None.

NA

More non-IT options for non-faculty.

More about the lighting...It's weird to me that the audience is lit up and there's no spotlight on the speaker. The stage is just dark. Could we work to figure out how to light the speaker while not causing too much glare on that screen?

Maybe more focused for the different groups on campus. I still miss best practices for faculty - those tended to be useful.

Lunch was pretty mediocre. Maybe something a little more fresh?

Keep these coming! They provide great inspiration for all levels of College staff.

It would be easier for me personally if the event were held earlier in the week. There is too much to be done in the office on the last work day before classes start to sacrifice an entire day to an event.

It was a great event!

It really helped to keep the introductory remarks (about budget, for example) to a minimum since there are other ways to communicate this information.

I would really like it if there were doughnuts available at the 10:30 break. (:

I would like to share the keynote conversation with our staff. I understand that we didn't record it. That would be my recommendation for future events like this. Thanks!

I would appreciate a Kick-Off event earlier in the week to give me time to incorporate anything new into my classes. Friday scheduling gives me very little time to make changes and collaborate with my colleagues on ideas from Kick-Off.

I wish there is some way we could find a better date. The Friday before classes begins is not convenient for faculty.

I thought this event went very smoothly. Everyone adhered to the time limits. Thanks for putting on a good event!

I thought it was very well done.

I don't think I have any suggestions. I chose to attend only a few workshops and that worked for me.

I also like the breakout sessions.

Gets better each time. No suggestions - food was only OK, but that's an improvement.

Deb always does a good job and this Kick-off was one of the best! Thanks Debbie!

Customized training should do a breakout session because a lot of the college doesn't know what they do.

Bring back Mark Milliron!

Breakouts always seem to be so uninteresting. I suppose that is just the way things go. I always look for 'demonstration' speakers with new technologies or procedures in other departments or using new software.

As a non-faculty member, I didn't attend all the breakout sessions because I didn't see any I was interested in (for breakouts 1 and 3). Overall, it was very well planned and executed!

Question 7: If you have suggestions for topics and/or presenters that would generate interest and appeal for the next Kick-Off, identify them below.

Stephen Brookfield

Speakers from the institutions Mark Milliron referenced as ones that are doing good things.....

Something on the value of our work.

Promoting Study Abroad opportunities to community college students.

Nothing at this time.

No suggestions, but kudos to all who put this together. Great Job! :)

NA

Motivating employees, generating creativity, writing with intention.

More hands-on training on things like SharePoint would be great.

Love the motivational speakers to set the tone for the semester.

Kathleen McKinney - Cross Endowed Chair for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at ISU. She is retiring soon so we need to get her here quick for a presentation/workshop on SoTL in our classrooms.

Invite Jen Lara back.

I would like to know more about the grants that are available to students and how these are changing.

The process of registration and orientation-what is happening with the students before I see them?

Also, disability services role.

I would be totally comfortable with a 'lunch on your own' option...or morning sessions with heavy snacks and then have the day finished by 1. I'm never impressed with the catering.

I don't have any at this time.

How to use the technology that the keynote speaker was talking about in our classrooms.

Dealing with difficult people.

Cindy Lovell has been recommended to me as a suggestion.

Can't think of any.

Business Office -I always seem to be in the dark regarding procedures for professional development/travel.

Student Engagement - Being an advisor to a student group These seem like campus wide topics that people have questions about.

Best practices in assessment. Instructional strategies that build active engagement and get us away from lecture.

A recommendation for the administration: your guest speaker spoke of the 'KISS' method. It is my opinion that the administration should talk to the faculty themselves BEFORE spending money on outdated for the sciences 'video on demand' (I admit the videos can be useful for history or social sciences. Also, why spend so much on middle management administrators, when the faculty are the ones who can tell you what the students are asking for and about the current practices in their disciplines.

1. Being Approachable Or 2. Other ways to do mathematics i.e. finding ordered pairs for a linear eq and the box method for factoring quadratics Mark Brown and others would do #1 or Mark Brown would do #2 solo.