Feedback from the Academic Specialists Forum 2015

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Overall Assessment of the Event

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Opening Keynote Speaker: Matthew Helm, Ph.D. Feedback

Number of Respondents

- Excellent: 25
- Very Good: 15
- Good: 10
- Fair: 5
- Poor: 5
"MBTI for Academic Specialists" - Ms. Becky Brewer

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"Microaggression in the Workplace" - Dr. Dorinda Carter-Andrews Feedback

Number of Respondants

Excellent  Very Good  Good  Fair  Poor

0  5  10  15  20  25  30  35
"Teaching and Advising International Students" - Guofang Li, Patricia Walters, Dr. Patricia Croom

Number of Respondents

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18

Excellent  Very Good  Good  Fair  Poor

Shuart
Closing Keynote Speaker: Theodore H. Curry, II

Number of Respondents

Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor

0 | 30 | 20 | 15 | 1
How do you plan to apply what you learned when you return to your office/classroom?

- Plan on clarifying my job with supervisor
- Use the information on teaching international students (x5)
- I plan on using the information I learned on microaggression. I hope to me more aware of my behavior so that I am not hurting others’ feelings (x10)
- I will share what I learned about international students with my colleagues (x3)
- Document everything (x2)
- Talk about microaggression with my students (x6)
What did you find most helpful about this event?

- Terry Curry’s presentation (x7)
- Microaggression session (x10)
- MBTI information (x6)
- Panel on international students (x5)
- Very inspirational, motivating (x4)
- Great topics (x3)
- Networking with other specialists (x6)
What area needs improvement?

- “Opening keynote speaker was boring and borderline insulting. Please do not schedule any more speakers who are giving us a bad version of an Oprah Episode. Sessions should be on practical things, not on feelings. It is odd to point to fear as the key obstacle when academic specialists face structural obstacles. He seemed entirely unaware of the privilege shown by his examples. Please, no more gurus.” (x2)

- “Describe promotional options and paths to academic specialists”

- “Opening keynote speaker’s information was elementary” (x3)
What area needs improvement? Cont.

- “Less quotes in Terry Curry’s presentations” (x4)
- “Speakers need to speak more slowly”
- “Need more time for questions” (x11)
- “Want more information on how to sign up for continuing education/courses”
Suggestions for future events

- Workshop devoted to challenges of specialists balancing multiple priorities.
- Breakout sessions should be longer (x6)
- Shorter closing keynote speaker (x4)
- More career-focused like MBTI resources
- Discuss leadership skills for academic specialists
- If you go into lunch, you should provide it (x4)
- Want hot breakfast instead of continental
Suggestions for future events-cont.

- A mentor session would be very helpful
- Make an advisor a speaker. Vote and award for most valuable advisor.
- Make it an all day event (x2)
- Add a session about how to succeed in business.
- Add more on Chinese culture
- Add healthier options for breakfast
Other comments

- Becky Brewer’s presentation had too long of an intro, very little practical content.
- Great job, very organized (x3)
- Very nice venue (x4)
- Hold the event twice per year!
- Good food
- Talk about professional development fund
- It was cold in the building (x2)
- Well worth my time
- Loved having the opportunity to network
- Loved Dr. Helms