

Fall 2014 FCC Opening Day Survey

FCC Opening Day Fall 2014 (n=204)		
1. Did you attend any Opening Day activity?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	81.4%	166
No	18.6%	38
<i>answered question</i>		<b>204</b>

2. Overall, how would you rate the Opening Day general session?						
Answer Options	Poor=1	Fair=2	Good=3	Excellent=4	Rating Average	Response Count
	1	12	73	49	3.26	135
<i>answered question</i>						<b>135</b>

3. Please rate the usefulness of the information presented in the following:						% of somewhat useful and very useful
Answer Options	Not at all useful=1	Not very useful=2	Somewhat Useful=3	Very useful=4	Response Count	
Chancellor's remarks by Dr. Bill Stewart	1	20	68	61	150	86%
State of California Community Colleges by Dr. XXX	0	1	25	123	149	99%
Constituent groups' update	3	14	77	53	147	88%
SCFT update	1	9	57	79	146	93%
Technology update	2	12	67	66	147	90%
Budget update	2	12	67	61	142	90%
Web Advisor faculty drops	3	11	40	87	141	90%
FTES and growth	1	8	61	71	141	94%
<i>answered question</i>						<b>152</b>

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4. Please provide your comments regarding the general session.

Number	Response Text
1	Loved it. I felt uplifted (which I haven't felt in awhile) and excited to get started!
2	I wish that they had announced that the phone system is no longer a registration option for students adding classes & that there would be a new half-sheet (purple sheet) that should be used for giving add codes. I happened to find out about that when picking up my rosters.  Did pretty well at sticking to the time schedule. Audio was good . . . able to hear well.
3	Good Work. Thanks for Lunch XXX!
4	It would be nice to see photos of people who have accomplishments rather than just a list. For example, show the championship Tennis team! Knowing more about the budget was useful & having a downloadable PDF of the presentation would be good. Inspiring talk by the State Chancellor--it was wonderful to start the semester on an upbeat note, despite the issues we are all facing.
5	Very informative
6	The doors in the back of the auditorium are horrendously loud. They really, really need to be replaced. Also, there was VERY LITTLE acknowledgement of the many, many adjuncts who work here. I am a new adjunct this semester and I work at 2 other college institutions. In the past 10 years of my teaching experience, I have never been treated so poorly. In my division and department meetings, I wasn't even introduced, and when people talked about me, I wasn't even addressed by my name. It was a very unfriendly welcome, and one that will be hard to forget. During the general session, people was talking all over the auditorium and it was very difficult to pay attention. Very little respect was shown for the speakers. I really wish I had something good to say, but unfortunately, that day represents, in my mind, a negative and unfriendly welcome to the college.
7	It was invigorating hearing from the state Chancellor. There was wonderful energy and a general up beat atmosphere. It was well done.
8	The doors in the back of the room make a loud noise when people go in and out. It disrupts my concentration when I listen to speakers.
9	I prefer the breakout sessions that we have had in the past.
10	Kudos for having XXX come to our meeting. He is an excellent speaker. It was very difficult to understand XXX. I'm not sure if it was more of a technical/audio issue or what. A down side to the meeting would be audio clarity. Thanks for putting this together!
11	Nothing was conveyed in this long session (in uncomfortable seating) that could not have been conveyed by email.
12	Consider detail-oriented content (budget, web advisor, etc) to be early on (after keynote) and bigger picture items maybe welcoming new staff and accomplishments towards the end.
13	Thank goodness it was a positive meeting instead of the usual gloom and doom.

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14	Absolutely FANTASTIC presentation by XXX! We struggle with poor sound in the balcony.
15	I thoroughly enjoyed the morning. XXX was great! The other presentations were well-prepared and relevant. I would like to see a 0900 start, 0800 is rugged for the first day back after a relaxing summer; other than that, nice day! Thank you, thank you, thank you for lunch -delicious and made me feel valuable!
16	Great to have the State Chancellor present. He was the highlight of the morning.
17	I could only stay for the first 30 minutes as I was scheduled to cover our phones in the office.
18	There was tons of useful info this time, so I understand why we needed to have the longer general session, but I prefer the half general session, with half break-out sessions schedule.
19	Comments from XXX were very interesting. The Sound in the OAB is terrible and should be fixed.
20	Really find attending very informative and gives us a heads up on what is coming down the pipeline.
21	I like this semester's format. It should remain this way without other activities' apart from meetings.
22	Enjoyed XXX and XXX's remarks. Great to laugh at an opening day, rather than rolling my eyes. They seemed legitimate and truthful. XXX was great! Very entertaining!
23	Much better than last year--we were not insulted!
24	Guess this survey is just for faculty since this is geared to them.
25	The general session was excellently timed!
26	Excellent!
27	The Auditorium has very poor acoustics...very difficult to hear the presenters.
28	Love hearing XXX.
29	The entire session kept my attention; overall, it was the best in years.
30	Very well organized
31	It was better than it has been recently.
32	Good job of staying on time. Well done.
33	I thought the information provided was excellent. Just enough info but not too much. Very well done. I especially enjoyed XXX' presentation - very eye-opening.
34	I enjoyed and appreciated the lunch that was provided. Thank you.
35	I was so happy to be back to our old format, and it was AWESOME to have XXX speak. He was fantastic. Lacy was also super informative. XXX did a great job! And, our president, XXX was encouraging, informative, and helpful. This was the best general session we've had in a long time! I don't know about everyone else, but I got so much more out of this than those break-out sessions.
36	The length of time spent on the morning general session is reasonable--seems more reasonable than a few years ago when the morning session seemed to go on and on for the entire morning. The updates are generally short & to-the-point. I miss the discussion sessions we've tried a few times during the past few years.
37	This was informative meeting.
38	XXX is unprofessional and should not be allowed to take credit for the 2% monies retrieved.

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39	Apart from the strategic planning activity, I thought this was one of the best opening days we have had in a long time. It was upbeat, informational (with stuff we can use), and attempted to unite us as a campus. Thank you, Mr. President for lunch! Very thoughtful and kind of you.
40	Always very exciting in anticipation of the new semester. The OAB is a better location than the Theatre and it would be fun to have a couple of mixers that evening (OAB courtyard or something after 5). XXX's lunch was fabulous.
41	So much better without XXX! The remarks from XXX were inspiring and energizing. XXX was clear on FTES on what we need to do.
42	Interesting first day. Best one we've had in a while. Thank you for morning, break and lunch food. Much appreciated.
43	The luncheon was a good idea and promoted a sense of community
44	N/A
45	Best opening day that I have been to in 10 years.
46	Much better than previous years.
47	na
48	There was no mention of what the college plans to do regarding growth other than add more sections. Many of the section we have are not full - so adding more sections will just further disperse the students and impact our efficiency numbers.
49	It was great. I really appreciated all of the updates.
50	sound system very poor -- most presenters were not understandable -- esp. XXX
51	CSU Fresno brings in REAL speakers with interesting topics and motivational support...not us, we get the old timers parade...but XXX was better than XXX
52	Love this format. Way better than the outbreak sessions. I felt cheated when we slimmed down the general session, when there are important updates that faculty need to know about.
53	Informative
54	I do not teach so course content management does not relate to what I do.
55	overall, very informative. Would like to hear XXX again.
56	When speakers are wearing a microphone and standing next to the podium microphones, the reverberations makes it hard to hear them clearly. XXX was the only one who could clearly be heard in the upper level since he was standing on the opposite side of the stage from the podium.
57	Well planned. Speakers were engaging. Morning went by quickly.
58	One of the better opening days. I learned a lot. XXX is a very good speaker!
59	Overall a good opening day.
60	Overall, it was good. Trying to listen to the speakers over the microphone and speakers can be hard, especially at the back of the room. Sometimes you miss a lot of words because of the above. This needs to be improved.

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61	I thought it met all of the intended targets of information. It was enjoyable. Presenters were all comfortable and easy to listen to . Information was very pertinent. The power points for XXX went too fast and he missed talking about a couple of the things on the screen, or had to talk fast.
62	It would be nice to break things up a little more.
63	Nice to have a Chancellor who doesn't BS. Let's keep him or let's get XXX as Chancellor!
64	The event was faculty and staff, right? Did the Certificated Staff received notification of this event? The Classified Staff in my area was totally unaware that the event was for us as well?
65	I enjoyed attending and getting the information
66	the economic outlook makes everything look a bit better around here. XXX and XXX did a great job.
67	This isn't necessarily for me but 'new' employees don't know the acronyms we use - FTES, CTS, SEP... should be stated on the screen so we are reminded for those who know and the new understand.
68	Auditorium was freezing. Thank you for lunch, but please indicate end time on lunch. Some people who get lunch at 1 p,m. came to Cafeteria and there was no food.
69	A lot of people were taking pictures of certain slides. Hope the powerpoint slides could be available to download somewhere. A lot of useful information.

5. Are you:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
an administrator	7.3%	14
a faculty member	72.4%	139
a classified professional	20.3%	39
a student	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		192