

Survey Data and SII Assessment Responses from the Process Education Conference 2015

Was it:

A Highly Productive Conference?

A Synergistic Conference?

A Creative Conference?

A Mind Expanding Conference?

A Values-Based Conference?

An Egalitarian Conference?

A Participant-Based Conference?

An Accessible Conference?

A Credible Conference?

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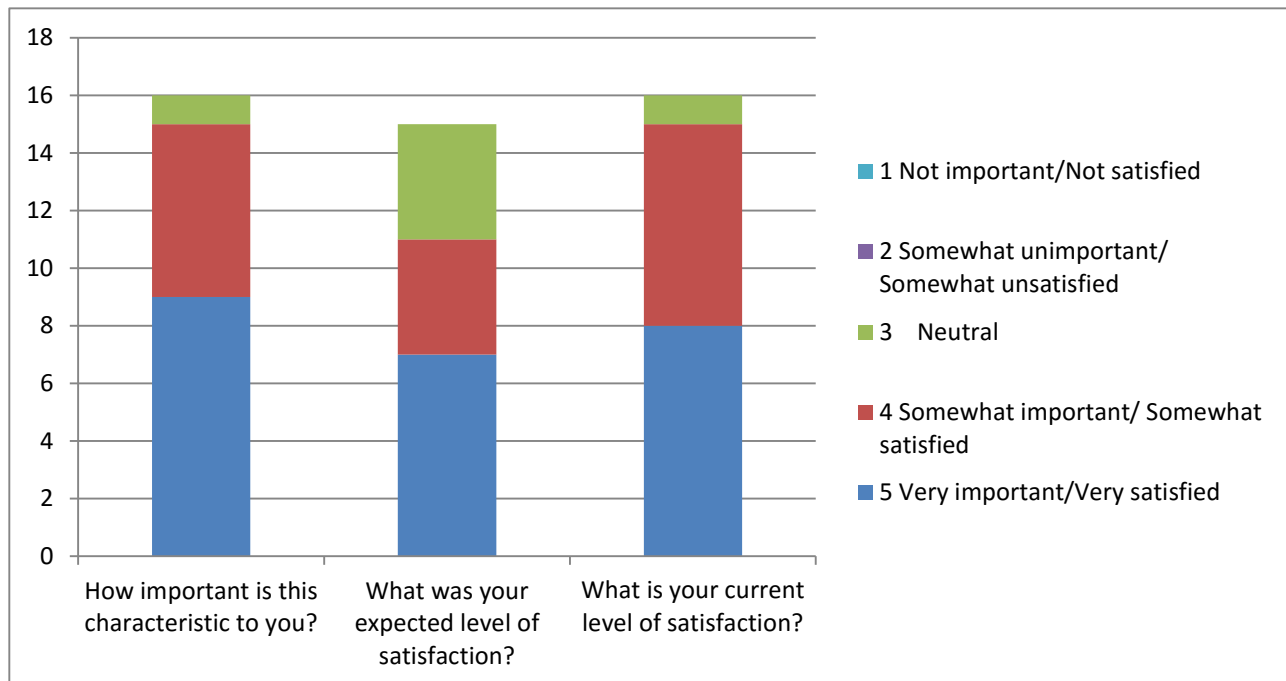
Conference Components & Attendee Expectations

SII Assessment

A Highly Productive Conference

Participants are well prepared by the conference website, preliminary information, and the conference program notebook to engage in learning that will transform their educational theory and practices. The conference program builds on past program activities and content; it has an efficient schedule that results in high energy and significant takeaways.

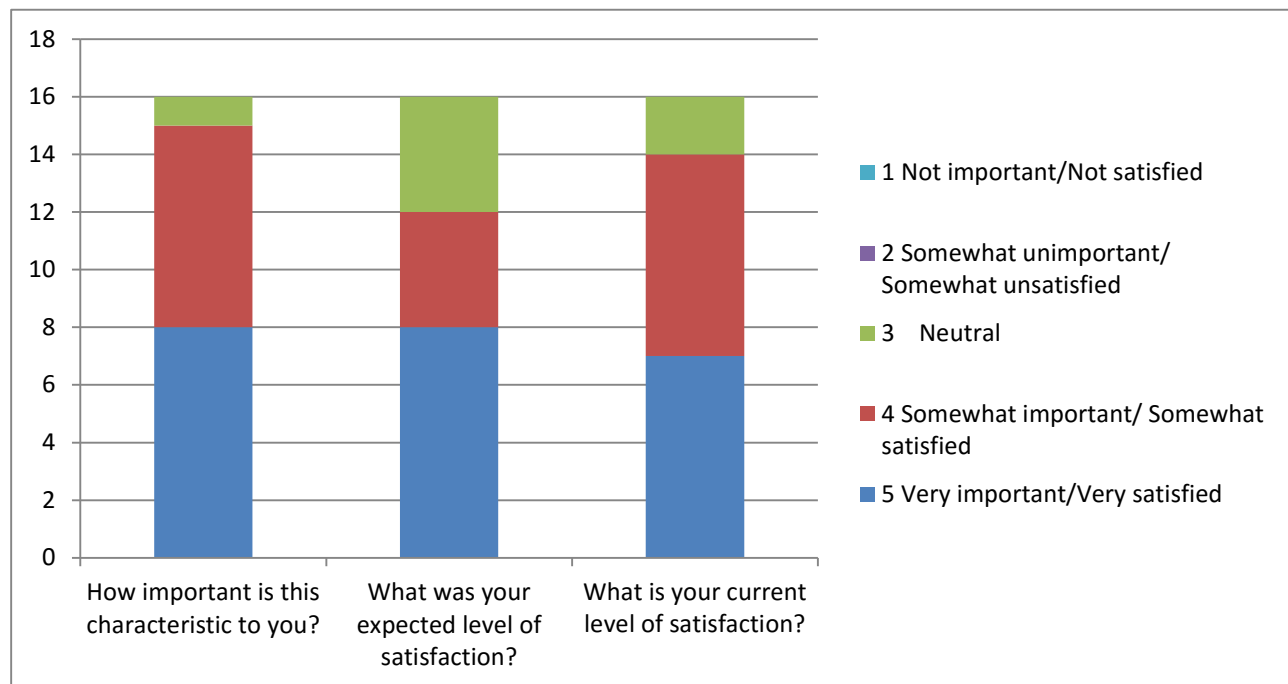
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A Synergistic Conference

Brings together a very diverse and interdisciplinary group of PE educators from community colleges, liberal arts colleges, and research universities with different experiences, practices, and research base and producing a productive learning environment where participants and presenters are willing to share, challenge and learn from each other through various forms of activities and reflection time.

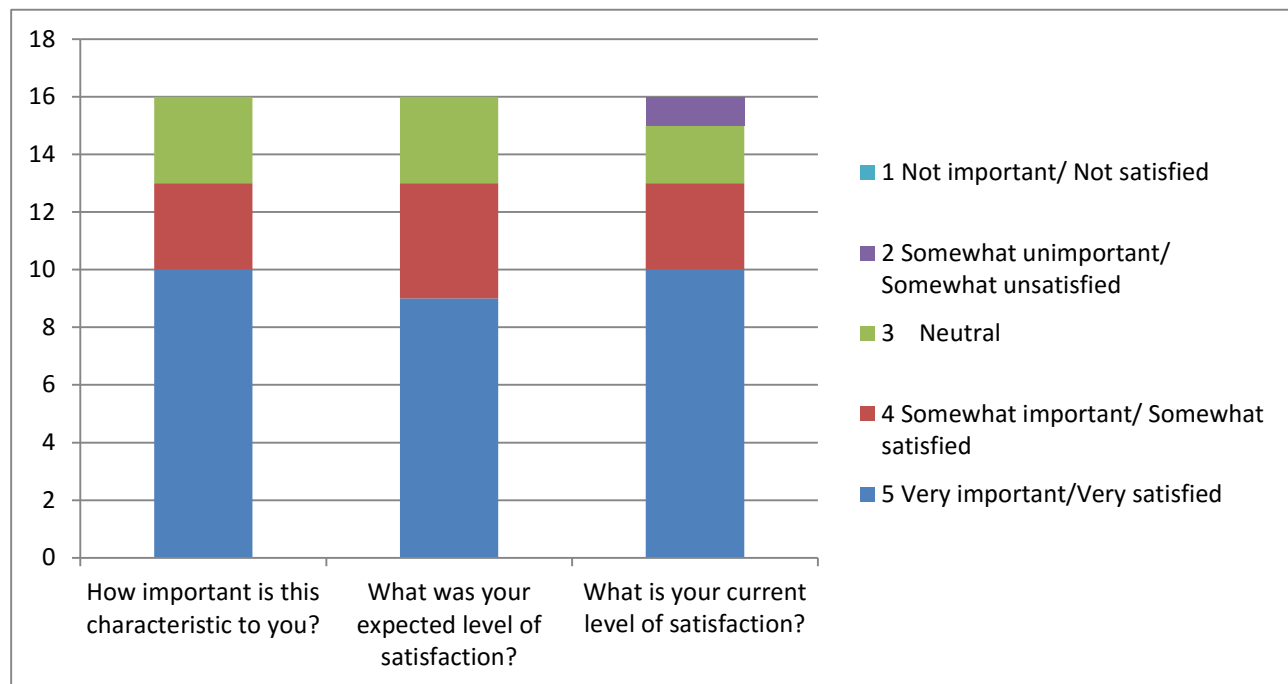
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A Creative Conference

Takes risks to use non-standard approaches, incorporates best practices from professional development, integrates best practices and features of conferences from many disciplines and through an assessment culture continually explores new ways to enhance the conferences outcomes by incorporating ideas from the diverse population of participants.

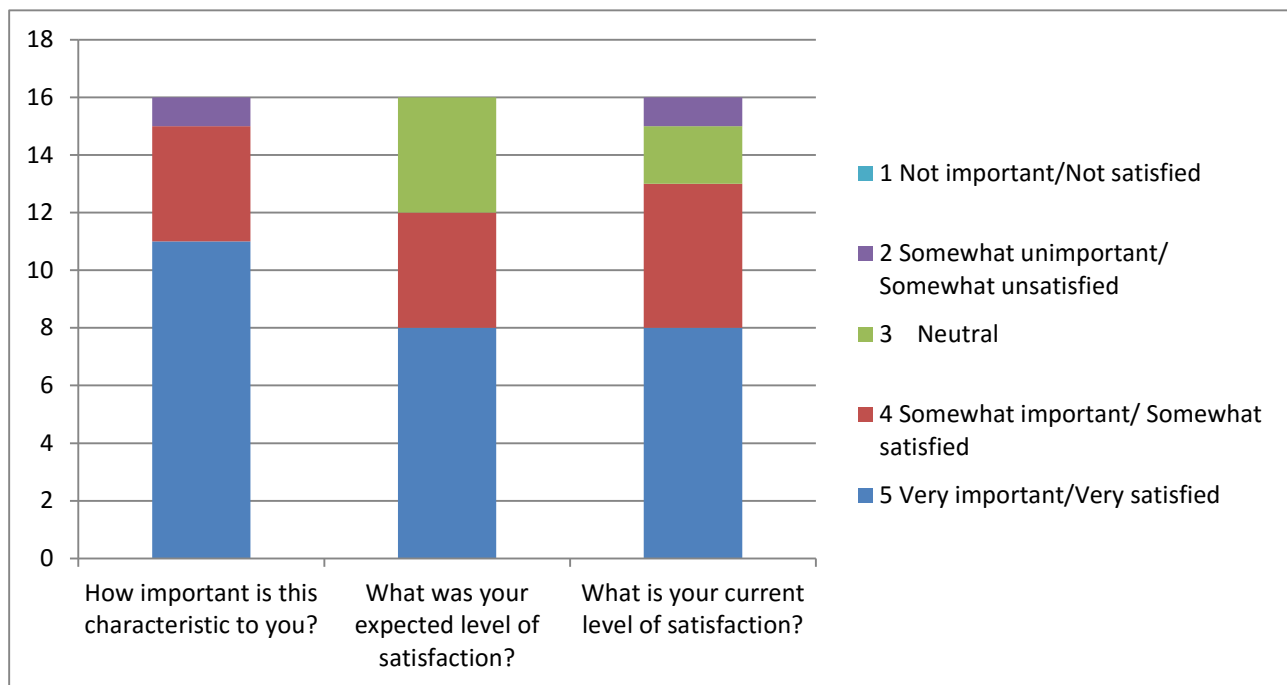
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A Mind Expanding Conference

Challenges all participants about current thinking through new paradigms, theory, and associated practices through modeling, active discussion, research activities, breakout sessions, casual conversations, and documentation of discoveries.

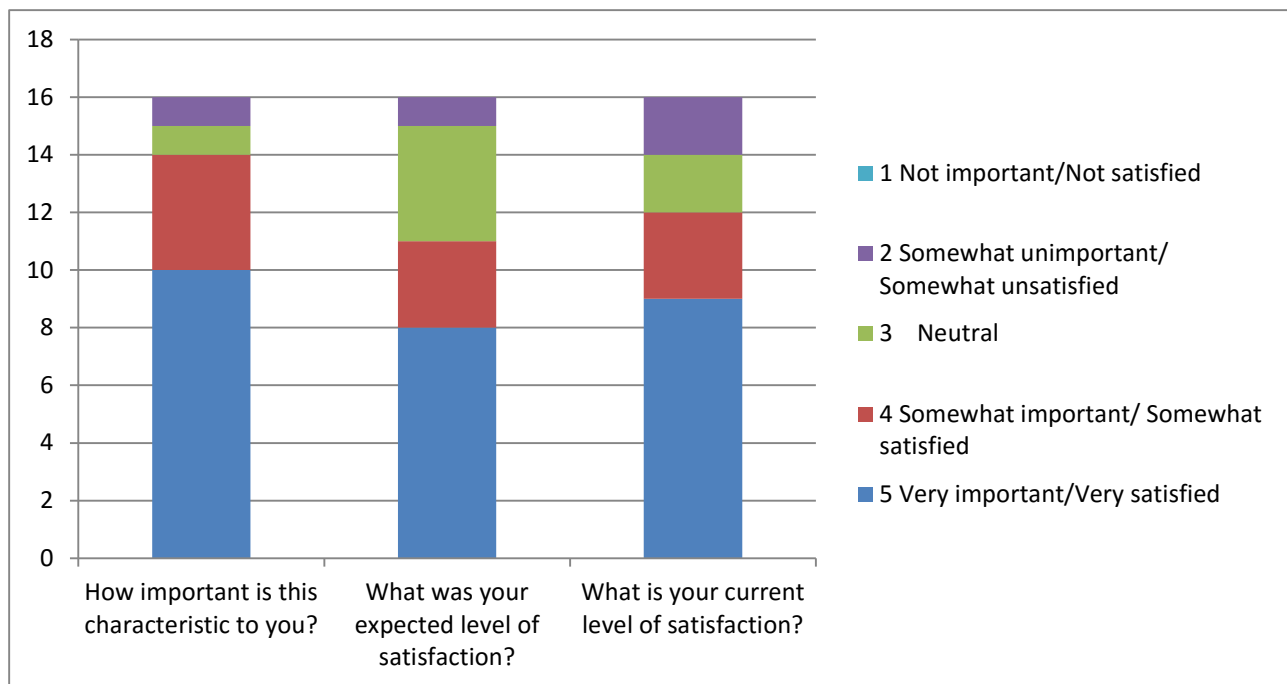
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A Values-Based Conference

Participants find their educational values and principles to be validated and deepened by the learning and growth experiences in a program that demonstrates how to actively and directly apply process education to many contexts and purposes important for the future of higher education. Participants feel an increased commitment to become part of the larger process movement and to bring change to their own institutions.

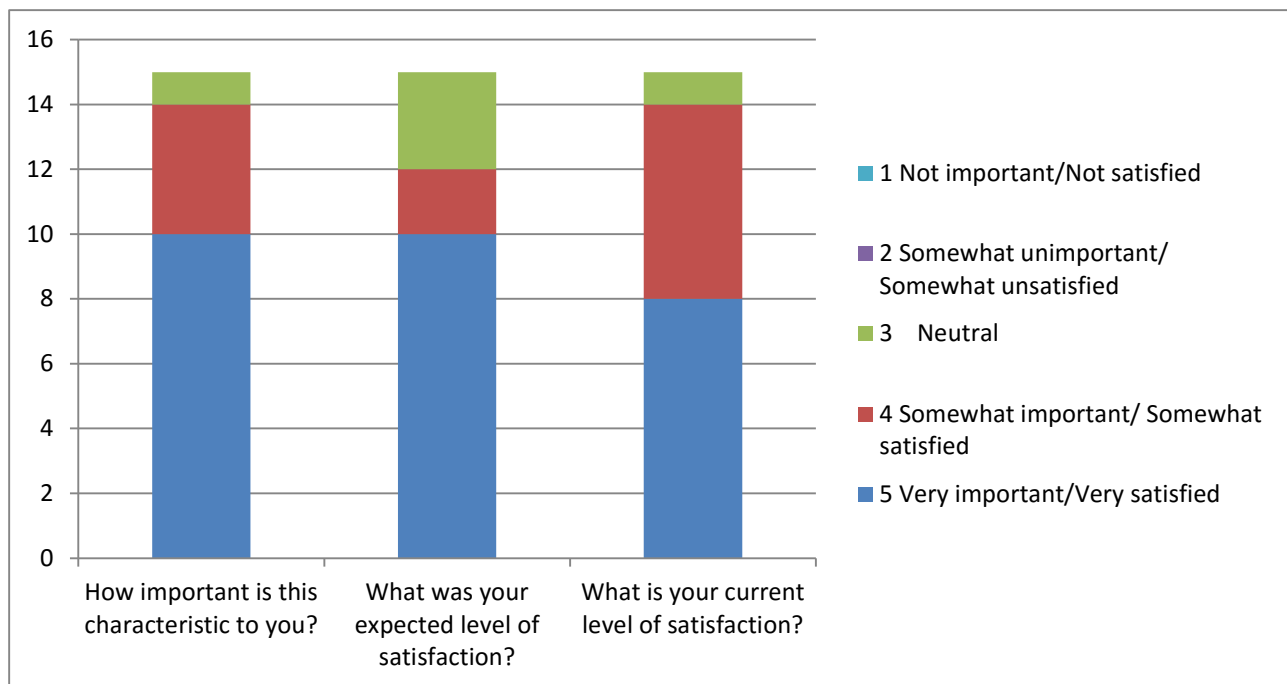
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An Egalitarian Conference

Everyone feels welcome and has many opportunities to express their views and insights. Sessions and events are varied so that those new to process education as well as those with more experience find a full set of satisfying conference experiences. The keynote and plenary sessions include all participants in discussion, questioning, and decisions about how process education can make a difference for all of higher education.

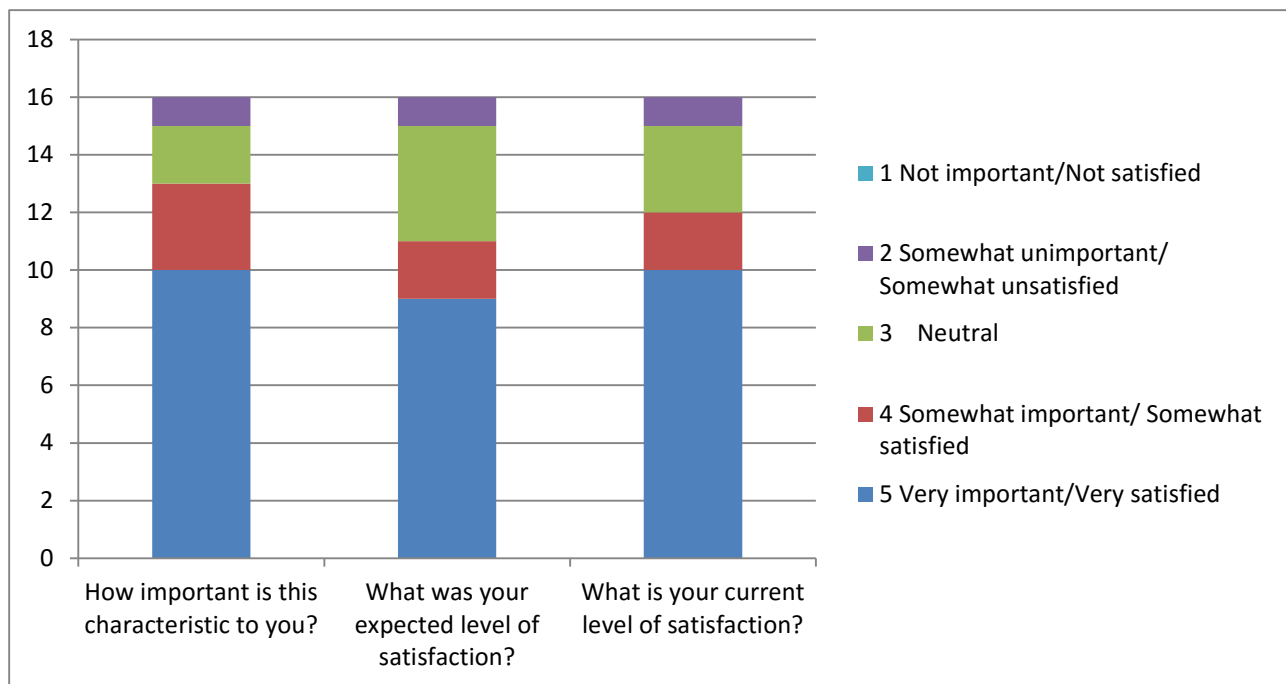
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A Participant-Based Conference

Design of program meets stated outcomes of participants by encouraging and mentoring active involvement in relevant roles and growth opportunities during the conference that also will add extra value and expanded perspectives for others; involvement of leaders and participants will be balanced in terms of time, program options, and interactions. Participant feedback is sought and valued regarding substantive modifications of planning for future conferences.

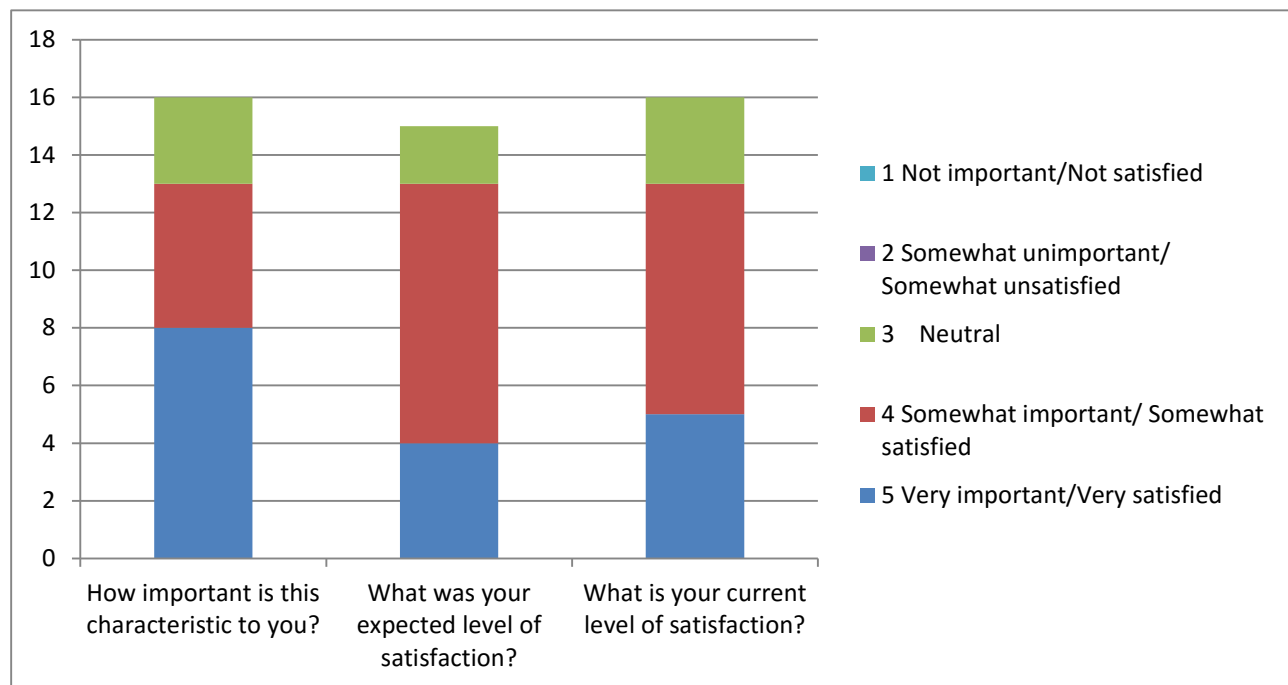
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An Accessible Conference

The location and overall venue for the conference meets the practical and logistical needs of participants. The timeliness of information, number of days, registration cost, lodging, food, airline options, local travel arrangements, and social opportunities are better than most conferences experienced by participants.

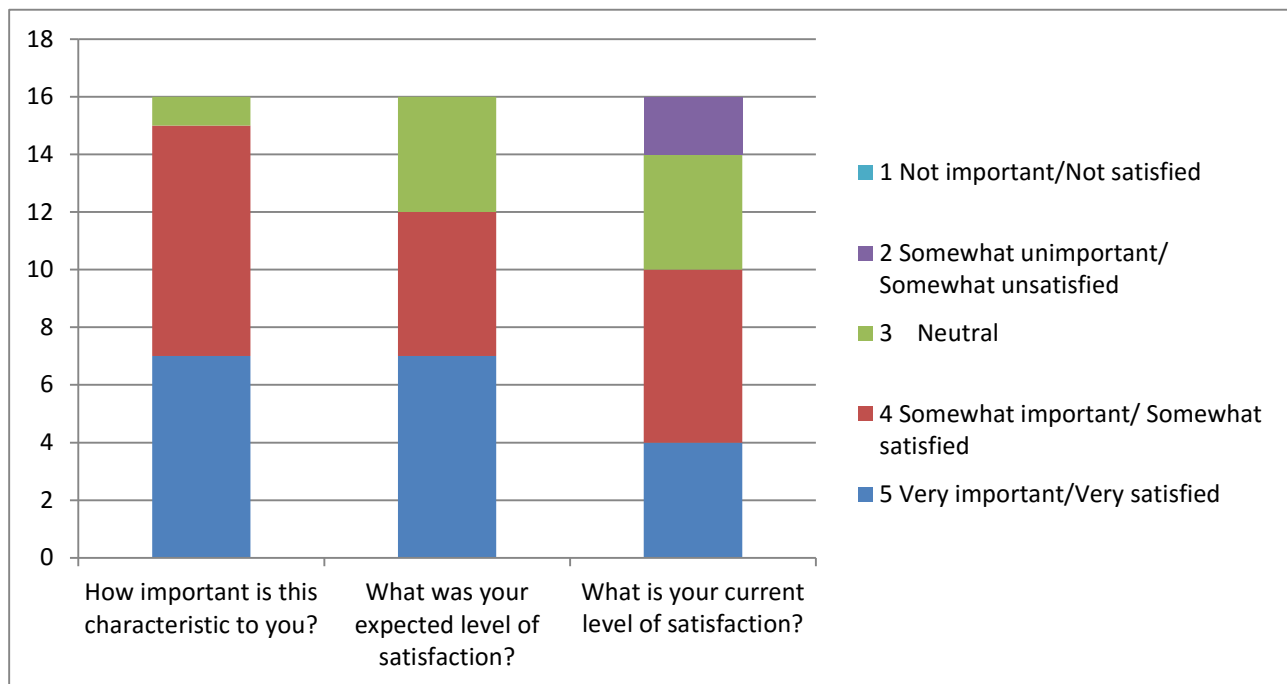
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A Credible Conference

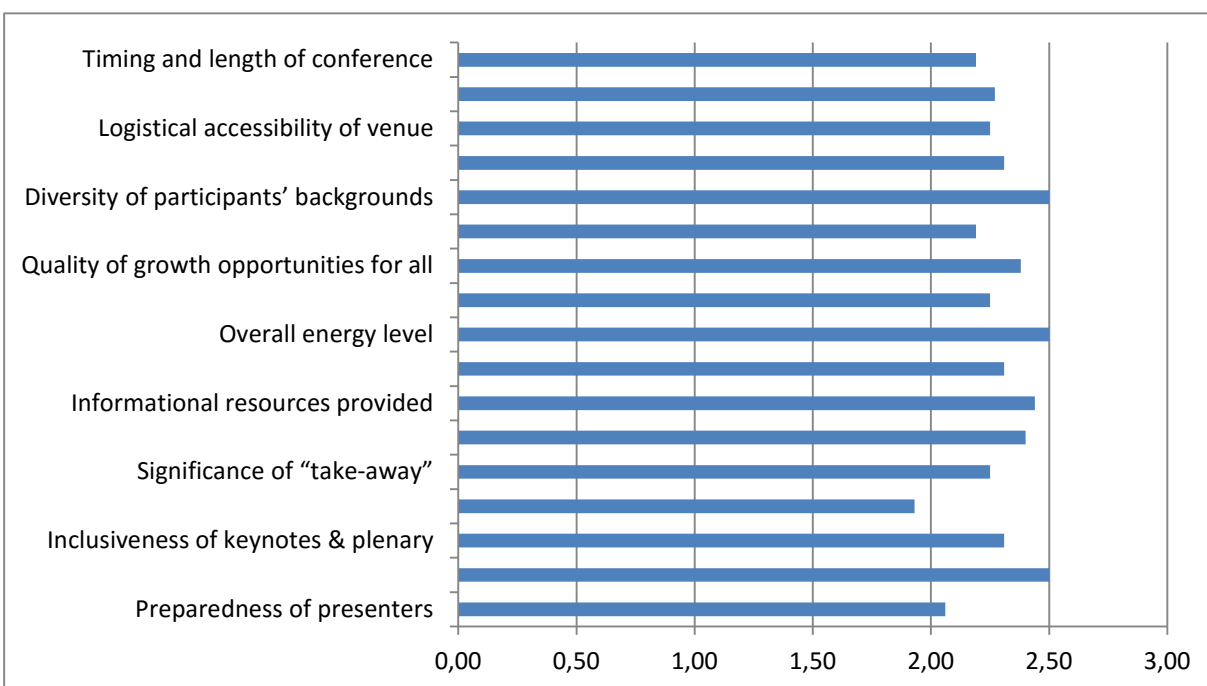
The conference generates positive and extensive word-of-mouth praise that will strengthen participation in the future. The keynote speakers are well known and provide powerful messages to move participants to action. The proceedings demonstrate careful recording, assessment, and peer review to provide professionally valuable documentation of sessions and of the conference as a whole.

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Conference Components and Attendee Expectations

Answer Options	Below Expectations	Met Expectations	Exceeded Expectations	Rating Average	Response Count
Preparedness of presenters	1	13	2	2.06	16
Effectiveness of keynote speakers	0	8	8	2.50	16
Inclusiveness of keynotes & plenary	2	7	7	2.31	16
Attention to recording and assessment	2	12	1	1.93	15
Significance of “take-away”	0	12	4	2.25	16
Session and event variety	0	9	6	2.40	15
Informational resources provided	0	9	7	2.44	16
Challenges to current thinking	1	9	6	2.31	16
Overall energy level	0	8	8	2.50	16
Connections to participants’ expected outcomes	1	10	5	2.25	16
Quality of growth opportunities for all	1	8	7	2.38	16
New collaborations among participants	1	11	4	2.19	16
Diversity of participants’ backgrounds	1	6	9	2.50	16
Mentoring and active involvement by leaders	1	9	6	2.31	16
Logistical accessibility of venue	1	10	5	2.25	16
Costs to participants	0	11	4	2.27	15
Timing and length of conference	1	11	4	2.19	16
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SII Assessment

Please indicate the **STRENGTHS** of this conference & the reasons why/how they were strengths.

energetic & well-prepared session leaders; diversity of sessions; underlying theme of scholarship in teaching & learning (supported by an impressive issue of IJPE); collection resources for additional learning in program binder; excellent attention to conference logistics; biggest PE conference yet (by number of local and distance attendees)!

almost all workshops involved a significant amount of participation by attendees. This added to the learning. The binder contained great preparatory material for the sessions. Participants were able to prepare ahead of time. Most participants were ready to take risks and fully engage in the activities. This raised the bar for all

Diversity of the backgrounds of the participants and speakers. General energy, engagement, and inclusion of all in events. Conference binders

Diversity of participants expanded value of session discussions To incorporate many points of view

Inclusion of many new attendees helps to grow the community. Outside keynote speakers keeps fresh ideas coming in.

provided information of many ways to adapt our current courses without having to re-invent the wheel

Information on how to implement various applications of PE that I will be able to use in my classroom.

Well attended from the beginning to the end and diversity of the participants helped to gage the quality and value of the conference and the association relevance

Good to have a venue/event to share experiences of process education

Variety of presenters with different information. Presenters show how to adapt process education to their learning environment.

My expectations are always high fo this conference, therefore, when met,they are great!

Diversity of Participants, learn from all professionals

- The conference had a very diverse set of presenters and participants. This is a strength because it is a great opportunity to be exposed to new viewpoints and backgrounds. - The two main plenary speakers (Dr. Doolittle and Dr. Zakrajsek) were excellent. I found their presentations to be very educational and well prepared.

Please indicate **AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT** for this conference including how we can improve.

greater visibility and use of the Academy member site throughout the event (beyond just a handful of the organizers); reduce number of luncheon keynotes to support more networking amongst participants; simplify meal logistics surrounding the social event (go a la carte instead of trying to plan ahead for a large group); having a confirmed conference schedule for two years ahead may further help with recruiting Academy officers as well as conference participants

Needed trash and recycle bins! Check with building managers beforehand on this. Also the sessions tended to all run about 5 minutes late, so this tone needs to be set from the start, and we need a facilitator guideline me to give 10, 3, and 1 minute warnings, then standing up to end session on time.

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The plantation outing was very insensitive to folks of African heritage because slaves were used to run plantations. As a result very few folks participated although we paid \$400 for this outing. The cemetery outing would have been much better. Although the four keynote addresses were informative, the result was very little time for participant networking. Let's avoid lunch presentations and have longer breaks next year The dinner on the first full day was not well attended. Instead of locking in a fixed number of places for which we have to pay, let's choose a restaurant that is willing to prepare individual meals for the folks who attend.

Recording of speakers

Provide vegan food options at each meal. Lower overall cost of registration

to me, there was a feel that the audience job was to finish the work of the presenter so they could publish a paper, which is not really productive for me,

For those not presenting - please confer in an area that is not disruptive. Conversations while others are speaking keeps some of us from hearing.

Next time we need to select Key Note speakers who are not just presenting ideas but engaging the participants using PE philosophy

More research.

Signage of location.

Long, long days Give a break between afternoon session and evening event. Keynote during lunch one day, but not both.

- Some of the sessions had a feeling of disarray to them. This is partially due to the format of the presentations, but in other situations the presenters didn't seem well-prepared.

Please indicate any INSIGHTS you have about the conference.

Academy identity continues to evolve and strengthen. This is at once different but complementary with the mission of Pacific Crest. The commitment of participants to mutual professional growth (across disciplines & institutions) is unmatched in my conference experience with other organizations over the last 27 years.

It is a good open program with diversity and energy.

The 15 minute breaks kept things moving and allowed us to reasonably get everything in but at the expense of Enugu time for significant networking.

the academy of PE takes to new limits the make use of your colleagues concept

Rephrase student's question for clarification.

The variety of topics and diversity of the participants was very significant and it was interesting to see how many people preferred to present poster sessions.

Very informative.

One of my favorite of the year.