

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Professional Development Survey on surveymonkey.com. We want our professional development activities to be successful and fit your needs.

There was a good response with 98 people completing the survey. Of those 98, 77% were staff and 54% were exempt status. Friday appears to be the best day for people to attend a session, and Monday the worst. However, the days in between were not far from Friday's 47%. The best time of day seems to be either mid-morning or mid-afternoon. It was nice to see a large number of people willing to work their schedule around any time that was chosen.

Topics that ranked above 50% in the Very Interested category were: Creating a Positive Energized Work Environment, Dealing with Negative Behaviors, Managing Conflict, Working with Difficult People, Leadership Skills, and Building Effective Teams. Topics close to 80% when Very Interested and Somewhat Interested categories were combined included : Communication Skills, Stress Management, Feedback that Works, and Software Topics . The comments section indicated a strong interest in these topics as well as technology skills training.

We are now in the process of scheduling some 90 minute workshop sessions involving some of these topics that we can offer in the next two months as well as preparing an entire series titled "Challenging Workplace Relationships " that we will develop for the Spring 2010 semester. The possibility of having this series offered with the option of earning course credit is also being explored.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in helping to facilitate a session that deals with any of the topics listed above, please contact me. We have a lot of talent on the campus and in our community that may need to be tapped into for these presentations.

Keep your eyes and ears open for a schedule of upcoming Professional Development sessions.