

2019 Socorro Systems Summit - Feedback

39 registered, some no-shows (not sure of actual count). Feedback form had 19 responders (most students not present at final session).

- Glad they came question averaged 4.79 out of 5 -- 15 fives and 4 fours
- Do it again question averaged 4.63 out of 5 -- 14 fives, 3 fours, and 2 threes.

What you liked: Kerry Lunney – biography and keynote talk. Friday/Saturday format. The topics were of interest – 6 in particular & I had to choose my favorites. Timing of sessions (length) good. Exam offering was nice, thank you Ann & Heidi. Thank you to all committee that planned, organized, and executed the Summit. Thank you very much.

What you didn't like: Less students than last year – is the timing an issue? (April? This weekend?). Folks that took exam did not participate in Summit. Why? Were they aware?

To make it more effective: Little more explanation on the regulation of the process that is followed for the workshop. Why would a new SE person want to attend? – value proposition.

What you liked: The topics were relevant to my work and interaction with INCOSE. Good facilitators.

What you didn't like: Really cannot think of anything.

To make it more effective: Would be nice if event could attract more participants from industries outside of Defense – it would add a different perspective to the discussion.

What you liked: (no entry)

What you didn't like: Spent too much time on defining the meaning of ambiguous issue statements.

To make it more effective: Do it at the IW.

What you liked: Having people up and moving around and participating in brainstorming and analysis.

What you didn't like: Facilitators that allowed one participant to dominate.

To make it more effective: Facilitators should do more pre-work on framing the topics – do a straw need statement to jump start the conversation.

What you liked: The exchange of ideas was enhanced by the format and small # of attendees. I enjoyed really listening to others and getting to know new people.

What you didn't like: Some participants took the opportunity to dominate discussions with aggressive and violent verbal broadcasts with superficial and poorly composed ideas.

To make it more effective: More use of structured sharing – like writing ideas on post-it notes rather than allowing unlimited “turns”; have round-robin commenting that is timed so people all have equal time to share of & let people spend individual time composing thoughts to share rather than speaking extemporaneously with surface “top of the head” thoughts.

What you liked: Most everything.

What you didn't like: Air conditioning (hahaha)

To make it more effective: Like to know how you picked the 8 topics for the Summit – maybe an explanation at the start of the Summit. Do you provide status on “what next?”

What you liked: The VLA tour was amazing. Thank you for having the paper based exam. The sessions provide an opportunity to share ideas and experiences.

What you didn't like: (no entry)

To make it more effective: Short Saturday sessions one hour each so we finish at 4pm so people that have to drive can depart earlier. Let's make the next Summit session in El Paso (UTEP) so we can get awareness of INCOSE, Enchantment Chapter, certifications in Paso del Norte regions. We can attract also engineers and academia in Ciudad Juarez.

What you liked: Self determination of topics, and the development of these topics.

What you didn't like: n/a

To make it more effective: More students present. UTEP setting would be great!

What you liked: Open discussion format.

What you didn't like: (no entry)

To make it more effective: Next year at UTEP!

What you liked: Research and development on INCOSE and systems engineering topics.

What you didn't like: Liked.

To make it more effective: It's fine as it is.

What you liked: Meeting experienced people from different industries and parts of the country that I never would have met or learned from had I not come.

What you didn't like: This is my first conference. I would say you get out of it what you put into it. E.g. the gym. The exam was 2 hours of neck stiffness.

To make it more effective: Maybe examples of discussed items and how they were used during a project.

What you liked: Collaborative focus group participation. Presentations from deep dives.

What you didn't like: ??? (sic)

To make it more effective: New to INCOSE. No recommendation at this time.

What you liked: (no entry)

What you didn't like: (no entry)

To make it more effective: Do another but with more student involvement. Facilitators should only facilitate one session so that they can participate in other sessions on Day 2.

What you liked: The diversity of topics that we were allowed to choose from. The process in which the problem solving and group collaboration happened. Grateful for the amount of professionals that we were able to network with.

What you didn't like: There was not another topic that included students.

To make it more effective: Invite more members from different schools. Possible promote internships.

What you liked: I liked the open discussion present at the seminars I attended. I liked the student involvement.

What you didn't like: (no entry)

To make it more effective: Could have more students engaged. I think the collaborative internships is a good idea.

What you liked: Facilities were very comfortable. Reception food great, but needed forks.. Student helpers were fun, engaging, and very helpful.

What you didn't like: (no entry)

To make it more effective: Probably need more effective and continual communication with students and members to attend. On the other hand the small groups were very productive but some groups on Day 2 may have been too small (2 people) to be effective.

What you liked: Well organized meaty topics. Not overcrowded – good match between number of people and time and topics. Student presence and input. Diversity of voices. "Lightweight" event – short, fairly inexpensive, not overly formal but organized.

What you didn't like: Workshop format a good start, more energy could go into planning follow-up and encouraging involvement/collaborations.

To make it more effective: Exercises like SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, threat) to spur inquiry into action steps and engagement. Keep it lightweight and inclusive – don't get too big / too small. outreach to other Chapters – share results – outreach to working groups. Be strategic in above. Explore.

What you liked: This was an excellent opportunity for student volunteers to interact with active professionals working in systems engineering. I benefitted tremendously from attending. Please come back to New Mexico tech the next time you hold a Summit.

What you didn't like: Moving the next Summit to UTEP was proposed.

To make it more effective: Host more events at NMT.

What you liked: The Day 1 and Day 2 formats. The mixture of students and professionals. The topics I participated in had results I can and will employ.

What you didn't like: No forks at the reception (a nit pic).

To make it more effective: Get the UTEP students to stay for the wrap up. Get more NMT student involvement.