

Spring 2021 Flex Week Report

Spring 2021 Flex week ran from January 11th- January 15th. There were 958 separate workshop enrollments in the sign in system. This number reflects an increase of over 300% from the attendance at the Spring 2019 workshops.

Similar to Fall 2020's flex week, the entire professional development program was conducted via Zoom. In addition, there were student worker hosts in every session who admitted participants, dealt with technical issues, and sent out feedback and attendance forms. This system was used in the fall, but went much more smoothly with few issues for Spring 2021.

During Flex week, BC offered 71 total workshops. This is a smaller number than Fall by design. A large number of faculty are currently participating in the Level Up program and thus less likely to attend Flex workshops. In addition, Spring Flex week is historically a smaller event, but this year's attendance looked more like a typical Fall Flex week.

Notable among the workshops this year is Adjunct Faculty Seminar. Zoom has allowed this to easily take a new format which allows participants the opportunity to select workshops among different Zoom rooms, geared to participants at different skill levels, with different interests. This has proven to be very popular with adjunct faculty who often are unable to get to Flex workshops during the day.

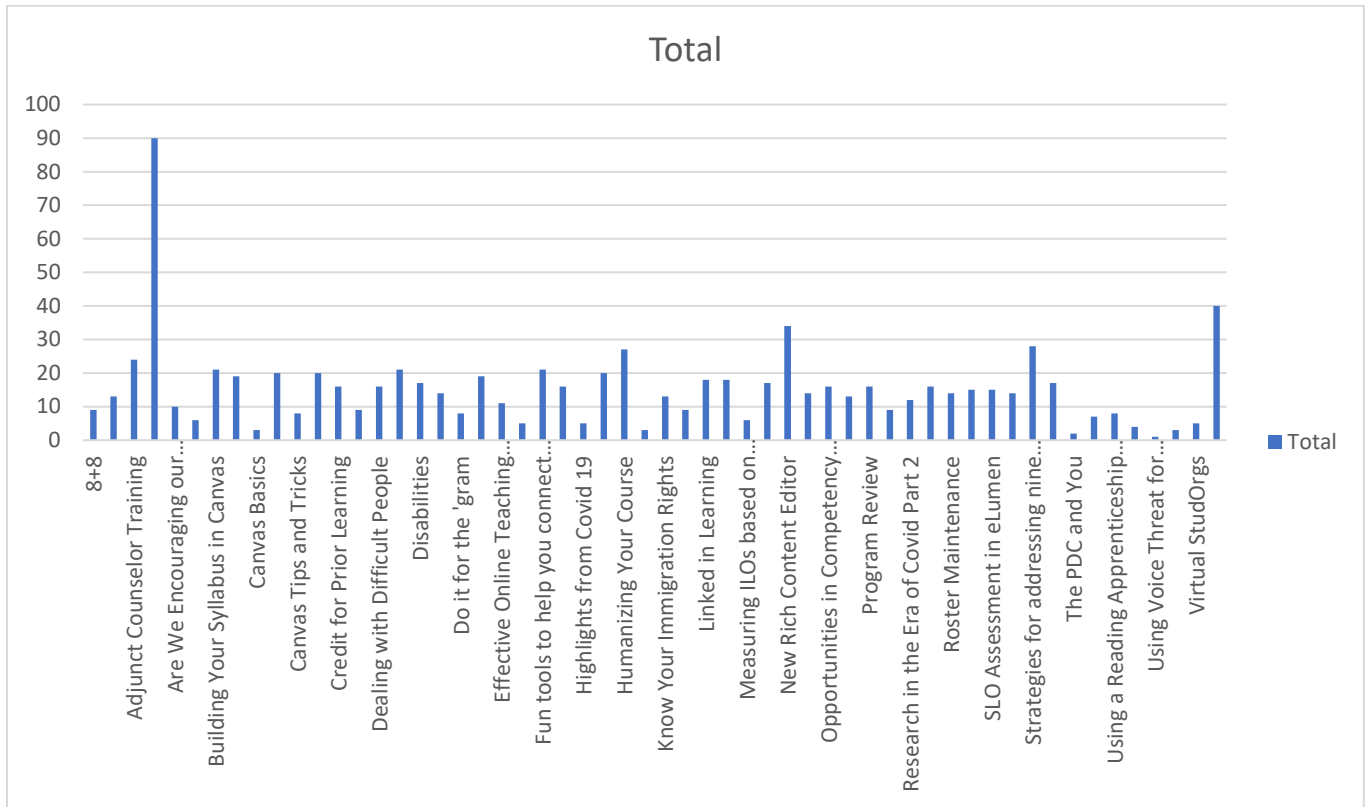
Other well attended workshops during Spring 2021 Flex week were: Humanizing Your Online Course, Strategies for Addressing Nine Instances of Classroom Racism, Manage Your Life with Outlook, Design Tools and Robert's Rules Orientation.

Of those who attended the workshops, 494 filled out the Flex evaluation form with reviews of the workshop week. Respondents generally felt objectives were met for sessions they attended. Faculty and staff again commented that Zoom works well for these sessions. In general, people felt there was a good variety of sessions and offered in a way that they could attend more of them.

Key findings from this week:

- Zoom links were sent out for each session individually and that seemed to cut down the number of issues.
- Having the hosts in the room kept sessions on track and alerted staff to problems when a presenter was late.
- Again, faculty and staff have a desire for some Flex sessions to continue over Zoom because of convenience even when the school is back to face to face classes.
- More than any Flex week in recent years, faculty and staff felt sessions were relevant to them.
- People appreciate the ability to watch recordings of the sessions at a later date.

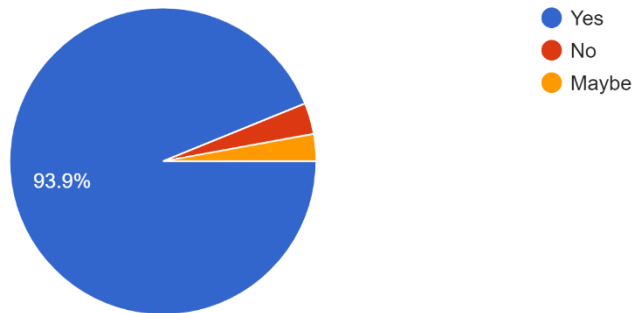
The chart below shows attendance at our sessions:



Responses to Questions on Feedback Forms:

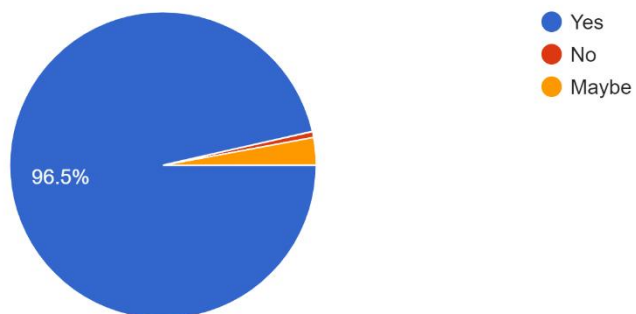
Did the presenter identify objectives for the session?

489 responses



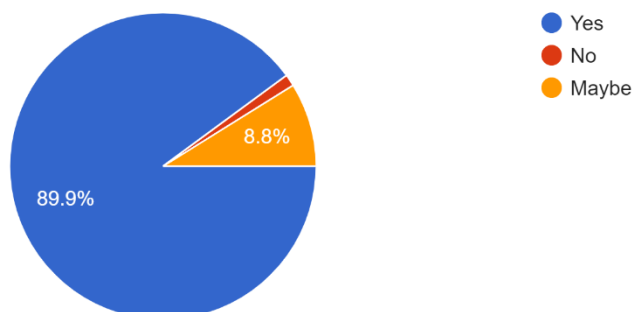
Did you feel the objectives were met?

481 responses



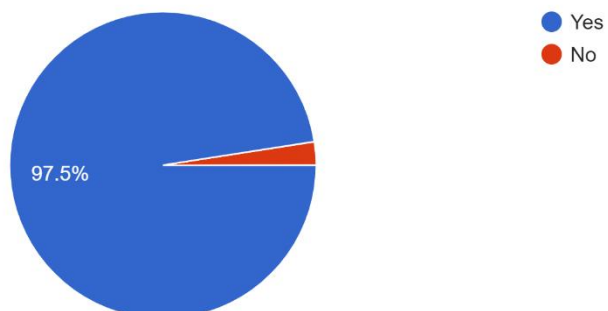
Will you be able to take what you learned and use this in your role at BC?

486 responses



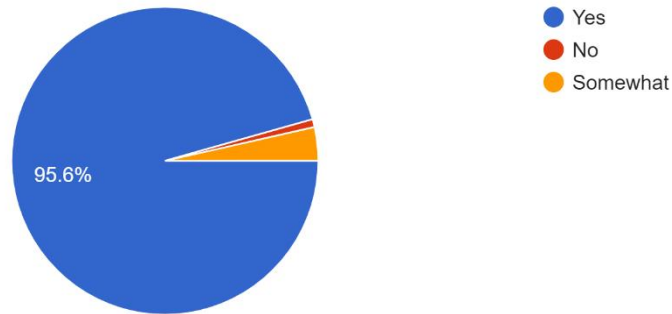
Was there a host in the session?

488 responses



Was the host helpful?

481 responses



A sampling of comments from participants:

I really appreciate the well thought out workshops!

I love they are on zoom!

Always a good selection and variety of topics!!

I really like having trainings in Zoom! Please keep this up once COVID is at bay.

I really like the panel discussions.

Super organized

Found more useful and relevant subjects offered this week than in any prior semester for Flex.

I miss doing this in person.

evening offerings would be awesome

Please keep it as Zoom sessions! Very flexible

Need more presentations that prompt strategies for equity in the classroom.

Can we do Flex week sooner. Many of this information is needed before we start planning.

Flex week workshops are a much needed learning for all of us, setting up a time to explore, broaden our perspectives, and fellowship. Thank you.

Good work planning! Wish I could attend more like usual. Busy week!

very professionally done and they adapted to the virtual environment beautifully!

Provide this more often at different day/times

I wish there were more workshops about teaching and more faculty sharing their knowledge

Keep it in Zoom in the future!

The link for the entire spreadsheet of results is here for anyone who would like to look at the full list of comments and responses:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CsTpZmIzOHqOfEOX_Tah-td4sSNo0uisgzWgte9Aus/edit?usp=sharing