Organization: Chemistry Symposium Organizing Committee  
Contact person & email: Elaina Zverina

Event name: Vaughan Symposium  
Event date(s): July 28, 2011

1. # of students who attended: 220

2. % of attendees who are graduate students: 71%

(These numbers may be estimates, but if they are, please explain what made exact counts difficult.)

3. Event summary: What went well? What didn’t go well? What will/would you change for a future event like this?

Overall the Vaughan Symposium went very well.

After the Vaughan Symposium, we sent out a survey to all the participants, and we had 62 respondents to the survey. Here are some representative data that was collected:

1) Did the Vaughan Symposium accomplish its goals?

2) Did the Vaughan Symposium facilitate discussion of scientific ideas with other members of the department?

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Did the Vaughan Symposium increase your awareness of the research being done throughout the Chemistry Department?

Other comments included:

“The symposium went exceedingly well and you all should be proud of your efforts. You have provided a great service to the department and we thank you for that.”

“Thank you so much for organizing the Vaughan Symposium! I was glad that the participation has increased from past years. All of us enjoyed learning the broad range of research in the Chemistry Department at U of M. You did a good job.”

“Congratulations to all committee members. You all did an excellent job. I thoroughly enjoyed the symposium.”

“I would like to express my gratitude to you for organizing this year's Vaughan Symposium. As a participant, besides the honor to be recognized by a travel award, I had also found a potential collaboration opportunity from outside the department during the poster session!”

Additionally, everyone was very impressed with the quality of graduate student talks at the Symposium this year.

There were several complaints that there were too many posters and it was difficult to see all of them in the limit amount of time allotted. As we cannot change the time allotted for poster presentation and viewing – as it is, the program runs from 8:30AM to 5:30PM with no breaks other than lunch, in the future the number of posters may be limited.

4. Financial breakdown: Please itemize any revenue from the event (e.g. entrance fees, donations), overall costs, and note in particular final costs toward which you put RSG funds.

There was no revenue from the event.

Overall costs $5933

Speaker Flight: $931
Speaker accommodation: $274
Print materials: $365
Food: $3,062
T-shirts: $1300