Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Polytechnic – Calgary, AB  
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Tobin, “The 104 Best Teaching Practices in Brightspace” Keynote Speech  
Participant Evaluation Results

Attendance: 167  
Respondents: 138

1. This session’s information will be useful to me in my job (and/or my personal life). 
2. The description matched what I experienced in the session. 
3. The facilitator demonstrated good presentation skills. 
4. Over all, this was a good session.

Open-ended feedback:

- A bit more time would have been good. 
- A top 10 would be more effective with references pointing to all 104 with quick summaries of what they are [videos, etc]. 
- Amazing how the speaker was able to cover all that content in the time without overwhelming me and still managing to add humour. Also, very enthusiastic presentation. 
- As keynote, it would be nice for a little more broad topic (not so specific to faculty & D2L). 
- Bit of a hodge-podge; not all skills specific to D2L. Very well done, though! 
- Can hardly wait to get going on some of this. 
- Enjoyed very much. Did not realize the total power of D2L. 
- Excellent D2L further teaching. 
- Fun, informative, right amount of time. Suggestion: start with “what the outcome will be if you do this” for you, for your students. Banff Trail is a community in Calgary. 😊
- Glad to hear that we’ll have access to some of this material. It was a lot of information in a short space of time and I’d like to think on how I can use quite a few of the practices. 
- Good information—interesting overview of tools. 
- Good overview but probably too fast. Would have preferred the hour focused on a couple of features. Very hard to see big screen last few minutes. 
- Good overview. 
- Good!
Great ideas that I will use! Thanks. 😊
- Great info! Want more detail!
- Great tips on teaching.
- Great—lots of good info in a short period of time.
- High energy. Good ideas.
- His presentation gave me some great ideas on how to present to both students and non-students.
- I enjoyed all of the ideas and will incorporate a few during our upcoming Fall & Winter sessions. Thank you!
- I had the opportunity to see Tobin at the D2L Fusion conference last year & he was the most memorable session speaker. Good choice!
- I like using D2L but I think the students need more initial training to use it.
- I love getting additional ideas for teaching online & face to face. This list is great!
- I loved the ideas. I can’t write as fast as you talk. Where can we get more information?
- I need more! 😊
- I was expecting more interactive experience with technology i.e. D2L.
- I will definitely use some of these strategies.
- I wish we had more time to discuss further.
- I’m new to Brightspace. This was very helpful.
- Informative and engaging.
- Informative, efficient, light treatment of extensive tools.
- Inspiring and engaging.
- Interesting.
- It was great as I didn’t realize all the things that Brightspace can do.
- It was very informative, but would be nice to discuss certain topics further.
- Lots if innovative ideas. Good intro. Would have liked a bit more detail on some best practices, but good “food for thought.”
- Lots of interesting tips.
- Lots of very interesting ideas but # of ideas presented was a bit overwhelming—fewer ideas & more details/examples would have been helpful at times. However, appreciated the “deeper dive” at the end.
- Love the quick ideas with opportunity to deep dive later on the ones of interest.
- Loved it!
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- Maybe schedule a longer time slot in the future so there is more opportunity to expand.
- Nice to confirm some things I am already doing—in edu-jargon 😊 & take away some new ideas for areas of my SIR that are weak.
- Nicely done. Some new ideas, & confirmation around some things we are already doing. Very useful as we are in the process of helping our Con-Ed & Distance become more proficient with Brightspace.
- Outstanding!
- Presenter was very experienced w/online learning and D2L/Brightspace. There was some repetition but the ideas to maximize Brightspace were interesting. He was very enthusiastic which made the presentation engaging.

Really enjoyed it.
- Really enjoyed.
- Running back to my desk to implement!
- Short & sweet!
- Simply getting two/three points from the 104 was extremely useful/helpful.
- So informative, but he was so fast. Please slow down, especially if you are giving so much information like this. This will be more helpful. Thx.
- Thanks.
- The information in the presentation was helpful for having a better understanding of what tools Brightspace offers.
- There was a lot of information—perhaps less info with more detail?
- There were too many things to discuss, but too little time. I hope the session was longer.
- Thomas gave me tools that I can use instantly in my courses.
- To the point. Effective & interesting.
- Too much in too short a time. 104 “best” practices?
- Too much, too quickly. Focus on 3 to illustrate.
- Truly, one of the best presentations I’ve seen!
- Useful activities.
- Very engaging. Great speaker. Thx!
- Very good presentation but I personally found too much information in a short period of time.
- Very good. I don’t teach, but we are promoting/developing more blended/distance courses.
- Very informative.
- Very practical tools for engaging online students.
- Very quick but very engaging overview. Really liked that was personalized to 3 top practices for our audience.
- Very useful. Liked the focus on teaching first, technology second.
- Want to hear more.
- We need a better venue for sessions like this. Screens were difficult to see.
- Well planned; well delivered.
- Wonderful tips.
- Yes, being passionate & having fun @ work is contagious.
- You provided excellent ideas to utilize D2L Brightspace!