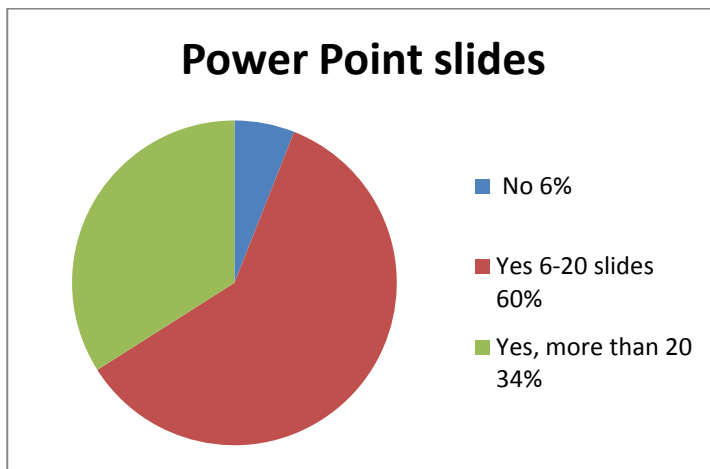


## Advice from the Top Twenty Presenters

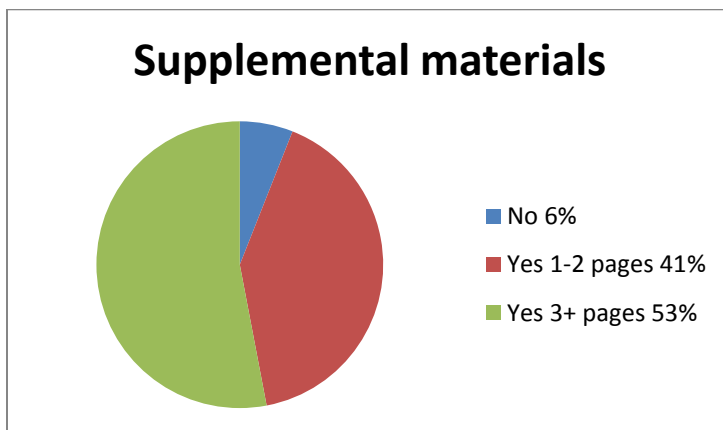
### From the June, 2013 *Teaching Professor* Conference

We asked the top twenty presenters from our June, 2013 *Teaching Professor* Conference to give future presenters advice. Here are their answers to our questions:

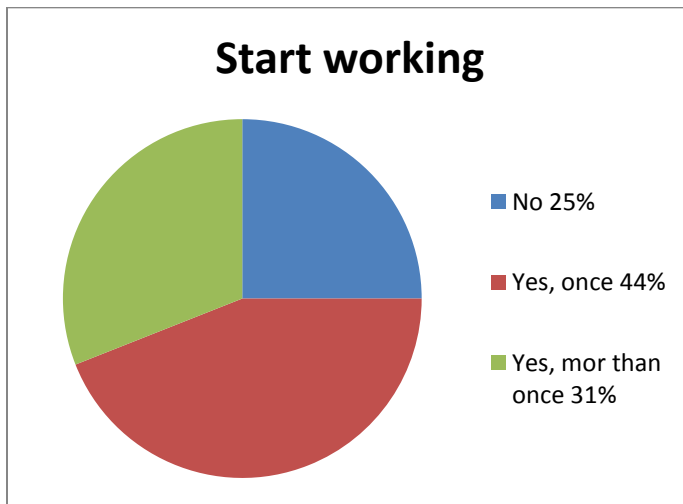
1. Did you create Power Point slides for this presentation?



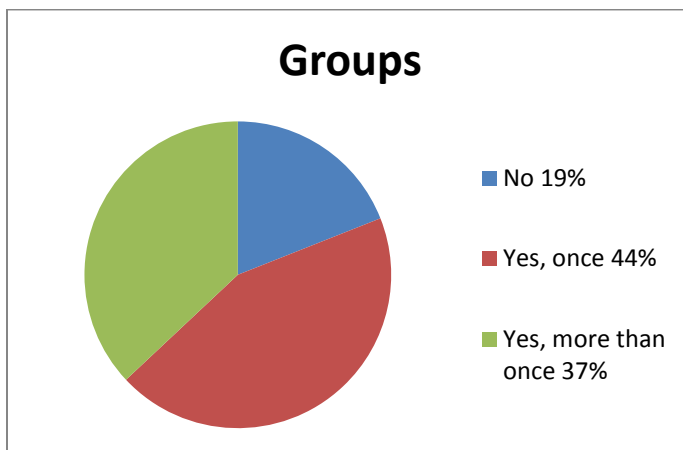
2. Did you create supplemental materials for your presentation?



3. Did you ask the participants to start working on something that they can take back and use in their classroom?



4. Did you ask the participants to work in groups?



5. We would like to create some resources for future presenters. Which of the following do you think would be most useful? (Note: here are the top five, starting with highest:
- Information about strategies for giving presentations to adult learners.
  - A summary of advice from this survey.
  - Guidelines on active learning strategies.
  - A brief video that offers advice on doing live presentations.
  - A brief video that offers advice on Power Point slides.

6. What advice would you give to future presenters?

- Don't try to "cover" too much. Instead, design the session to engage participants in purposeful work.
- As much as possible, build the session around the learning activities and group discussion. Presenter and participants should learn from each other.
- The audience is more interested in finding out something useful, than they are in hearing about what you do.
- Go beyond teaching tips. Provide data for the things you say work.
- Double-check that your session objectives are met in your presentation.
- Be passionate and energetic.
- If a question is posed from the audience, repeat it so all can hear.
- Be sure to use activities that engage participants.
- Try to use a variety of strategies to engage participants in learning. They want to share their experiences and hear from others.
- Look for a balance between giving information and providing activities.
- Practice your presentation!
- Make sure your slides are readable. Don't use a small font size.
- Do not just read from your slides.
- Make your presentation inquiry driven.
- Involve the audience whenever it makes sense to do so.
- Keep the background and expertise of your audience in mind. Make it meaningful, and involve them.