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Minutes

Friday, January 31, 2014

**Agenda Items****I. Announcements****i. Christine Wade (CUNY OIRA)**

Christine announced that she would be leaving her position as Deputy Director of Institutional Research to pursue a literary career. The group expressed their gratitude and thanked her for all the work and support she provided over the years. They expressed that they wished she could stick around for a little more time, but realized life has some other amazing plans for her and wished her a heartfelt good luck for your future.

**ii. Christine Wade**

**National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)** administration will be either Spring 2015 or Spring 2016. Senior Colleges are committed to administer the NSSE for the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA). NSSE has been selected as one of four assessment instruments about students' experiences and perceptions for the VSA. The NSSE needs to be done within three years of registration for the VSA. Christine Wade suggested we visit the NSSE web site at <http://nsse.iub.edu/html/about.cfm>.

David Crook suggested a system-wide administration of the survey and IRB submitted by Central. The cost for the survey administration most likely will be shared between CUNY Central and the colleges. David needs to finalize the details. David said for the last administration of NSSE the cost varied by college; some colleges participated using a web survey, some a paper survey. Some colleges may decide to administer the survey regardless of a central administration next year (John Jay).

**iii. David Crook (CUNY OIRA)**

**President's Obama Plan to Make College More Affordable: A Better Bargain for the Middle Class.** Obama's new agenda is to combat rising college costs and make college affordable for American families. His plan will measure college performance through a new ratings system so students and families have the information to select schools that provide the best value. Affordability, access to low income students, outcomes (graduation rate, continuing education and labor outcomes)

The Department of Education will develop a new ratings system to help students compare the value offered by colleges and encourage colleges to improve. The ratings may be based upon such measures as:

- Access, such as percentage of students receiving Pell grants;
- Affordability, such as average tuition, scholarships, and loan debt; and
- Outcomes, such as graduation and transfer rates, graduate earnings, and advanced degrees of college graduates.

The plan outlines three aspects; ensure student debt is affordable, promote innovation and competition, pay colleges and students for performance. David felt that ratings tied to financial aid distribution (Pell for example) would be less likely to happen. Chancellor Kelly asked for simulations of the ratings for 2015.

Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/08/22/fact-sheet-president-s-plan-make-college-more-affordable-better-bargain->

A discussion ensued about using IPEDS, in its current state, for reporting. There was agreement that reform to IPEDS needs to be at top of discussion for reauthorization of the accountability. The topic of transfer versus native students and outcomes was discussed. Others questioned how missing data would be handled in reporting.

#### **iv. David Crook**

##### **Unemployment Insurance (UI) Data Sharing**

The ability to share information to qualified entities has been enhanced as a result of the UI Data Sharing Bill (S5773A), which amended NYS Labor Law Labor Law §537 to allow expanded access to Unemployment Insurance (UI) program data. Government agencies, including SUNY and CUNY, can now use this data. An MOU will be established between CUNY and NYSDOL.

The data submitted to NYSDOL for matching will include Full-time freshmen and Transfer students attending CUNY from Fall 1999 forward. Students will be included regardless of whether they graduated or withdrew.

Data provided by NYSDOL will include; The North American Industrial Classification Code (NAICS) - Identifies the employer's major industrial activity and Quarterly wages. The occupational title and employment status will not be included (full-time, part-time) OAIR will make data files available within staff capacity.

Kimberly Huff will be OIRA's expert. OIRA will continued to administer the alumni survey to capture percentage of students employed in their field of study and other information

Colin will send a link regarding the data.

Aghajan Mohammadi (York) asked about whether the OIRA would be able to obtain GRE, MCAT and other post graduate test scores. David said, that this was not in CUNY authority, for example MCAT scores are usually provided to the college liaison. IR offices usually obtained their scores from the campus liaison. Michael Ayres (Brooklyn) explained that his college has to pay GRE to obtain results.

## **II. Meg McAuliffe (Queens College)**

### **Alumni income data collection**

Meg asked if anyone was using the Clearinghouse's Gainful Employment component. None of the council members in attendance said they were using the data. Many were not familiar with it. The council members discussed the reliability of the Clearinghouse data. Christine said OIRA would follow-up about the data. The majority agreed that NYSDOL's employment data will be the most complete and reliable source of information.

Meg asked if the latest version of the CUNY graduation survey posted on OIRA website. Christine said the survey of 2007 graduates (a three year follow-up) is posted. The most recent survey is not posted yet.

## **III. Elisa Hertz (Guttman Community College)**

### **Assessment and Institutional Research Councils Joint Retreat**

Council members discussed the process and planning for the joint retreat.

Anita Atling,

Preliminary plans include:

- Possible dates for retreat - June 13th 2014 or June 20th, 2014.
- John Jay will possibly host of the conference. Ric is going to inquire about availability of space.
- Planning committee volunteers include; Elisa Hertz, Marie Burrage, Diane Phillips and possibly Virginia Moreno.
- Annita Alting, Co-Chair of the CUNY Assessment Council, will follow-up with Assessment Council about the retreat.

Elisa handed out the tentative dates for the IRC meetings or the academic year.

2014 Meeting Dates

10am to noon

Friday, January 31, 2014

Friday, February 28, 2014

Friday, March 21, 2014 (2<sup>nd</sup> to last Friday of the month)

Friday, April 25, 2014

Friday, May 23, 2014 (2<sup>nd</sup> to last Friday of the month)

Friday, September 5, 2014 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, in lieu of Friday before Labor Day)

Friday, September 26, 2014

Friday, October 31, 2014

Friday, November 21, 2014

Friday, December 19, 2014

IV. **Ric M Anzaldua - CUNY Justice Academy - “Adventures in Databases and Assessment Reporting”** – power point presentation.

The CUNY Justice Academy is a partnership between John Jay and six community colleges.

Ric discussed enrollment, retention and graduation rates for the CUNY Justice Academy. He also discussed the database he created for tracking the students.

(See attached PowerPoint presentation)

Respectfully submitted, Diane Phillips