



IRC Minutes
Friday, May 27, 2016

1. Announcements

- Next year's IR Council dates were announced and will be sent to the list serve.
- Colin presented news regarding OIRA's IR budget. Some decisions were made (not by Colin).
 - VSA is still a priority for the chancellor. It seems we will need to do VSA next year, which means we will also have to do NCSSE survey. VFA (for community colleges) is not a priority.
 - Noel Levitz will not be administered or paid for by CUNY OIRA.

2. IR & Assessment Council Retreat (Heidi Baez, SPS)

- Heidi reminded everyone to register for the Joint IR/Assessment Council.

3. SES MetroCard Distribution Update (Zun Tang & Natalya Petroff, OIRA)

- CUNY Central can provide a reminder if desired for those who have not yet picked up their cards. If the cards are not picked up by June 8, you can donate the cards to your student affairs emergency funds, or some other source.
- For any cards not picked up, CUNY Central needs a signature to identify where the cards went. So if they are donated, please get the signature to account for the cards. Colleges should scan and email the forms to Zun and Natalia.
- SES survey did achieve 12% response rate across the board. Baruch did very well.
- Looking into a way to make the data more user friendly, and we should be able to share the raw data with the colleges in late July or August, with reports from central in August.
- Climate survey is expected to stay. It will be administered every other year, and it will be alternated with the SES survey. OIRA central expects to have more control over the timing of these survey going forward. There will be a short report to the chancellor in June highlighting key results, and a full report in August. OIRA does not yet know if these results can be shared with the colleges, however.

4. Community College Retention & Graduation Reports (Sarah Truelsch, OIRA)

- Recently updated on the OIRA Central website. Cohort 2012 had the best 3-year graduation rate in recorded CUNY history. The ASAP cohort has tripled, and the analysis suggested that this

accounts for about 2.5 percentage points of the increase. Guttman alone contributes to a full percentage point of the increase.

- By 2020, CUNY expects to triple the older 3-year graduation rate through expansion of the ASAP program.
- Other potential factors: Growth of summer enrollment, immersion, pre-college enrollment (e.g., College Now). BMCC has done research on this.

5. Coordinating External Requests (Zun Tang, OIRA)

- Proposal: to form a committee to look at external requests for data. Central OIRA gets many requests from the colleges for reporting for specific purposes. E.g. Middle States Institutional Profile, US News, Common Data Set. CUNY OIRA doesn't get the forms or know the requirements as much as the colleges may. So coordination will be helpful.
- Is a committee needed since we have the Council? Is another committee really the solution? More coordination is needed, and maybe OIRA Central can't do all the coordination. Everyone should be involved.
- OIRA Central needs to be informed about changes to the various surveys. It could be helpful to have people working on the survey meet together to review together where to find the data for specific points.

6. IR as a Graphic Novel (Betsy Hansel, BMCC)

- BMCC's "Upshot" publication was shared by Betsy Hansel, giving a brief overview of the process of she is going through now in creating the next edition, which follows the fall 2014 cohort of Freshmen enrolled in one of two courses of Elementary Algebra.
- Discussion focused on issues with publicizing the series and similar findings from other campuses and central. While a major overhaul is planned for the BMCC Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics web page, the Upshots and other IR dashboards and reports can be accessed on this page:
- http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/iresearch/fact_stat.jsp

Next Council Meeting

August 26, 2016