

**Institutional Research Council****555 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street (BMW Building) 1240 Conference Room (12<sup>th</sup> floor)****10:00am-12pm**

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**IRC Minutes****Friday, February 24, 2017****Announcements and Updates**

Confirmation – Joint IR Assessment Retreat on June 9 at BMCC. Volunteers are sought, and suggestions for the theme. Expect to have the 5 minutes of fame feature.

**Discussion Items****1. Campus Middle States Needs.**

Central does not have the documents from Middle States. Elisa sent information from Community Colleges; Central OIRA still needs to have information from Senior/Comprehensive colleges. A recent email went out from Biana about sources for workbooks in IRDB and new reports available for the information requested by Middle States.

Eileen Wei has left central; someone will be taking over to provide the financial information for the Middle States report.

Zun requests a committee to help determine what information is needed for which parts of the Middle States Profile.

**2. FAFSA Financial Aid Data.**

IRA Term Enrollment work area in IRDBPROD2 database (should also be in TEST2).

Use the table WC IRA FA Fed Aid App D. This is FASFA data updated to the current fiscal year, 2017. (CS Aid Year Code) This table is “semi-live” – not refreshed daily, but rather every two or three months, or as needed. Only for colleges that are on CUNYFirst Financial Aid, and only the data that comes from CUNYFirst. CS Scholar ID is the CUNYFirst EMPL ID. CS fields are based on the “CUNYSmart” process that Central CIS is working on with OBIEE as a reporting tool. This was the data used for IPEDS reporting this year for the CUNY colleges.

Use WC IRA FA Award Disb F. This table has term-based calculations to get award amounts and counts of students. Students can start applying in October for the following fiscal year. Fall 2016 data is available, but will change as awards and disbursements are still changing. Consider it estimated or preliminary. Recommended to use prior year data for any financial aid reporting.

The vision for the IRA data area is to combine frozen and current data, but care will be needed to mark the live data as “preliminary.” For official enrollment data, best to continue using IRDB.

Still many questions on the IRA tables. Request will be made for a future presentation from Ariel on the table.

History Facts Financial Aid Tables: a plan for a new table with frozen data.

Use WC IR AY FA Awd CDS HF. This table is specifically created for the Common Data Set reporting.

IPEDS reporting is based on awards, not on dispersed. Most frequently this is what is wanted. Occasionally, students have disbursements without awards, so the issue is complex.

### **3. Indebtedness.**

The CUNY data comes from a purpose-built database. Each financial aid office should have a report on graduate's indebtedness. These are considered the official figures. The data is limited to debt incurred at CUNY, not at all institutions. It's also just for the specific institution listed. There is another national database through NSC that includes indebtedness at all institutions. College Score card gets its data from the national student loan database.

### **4. Surveys**

Proposal: To alternate SES (Student Experience Survey) and Climate Survey (Title IX, Sexual Assault) will be to do the Climate survey in Spring 2018 and the SES in Spring 2019. The Climate survey is mandatory every other year. Those we aren't doing will be shown in gray. Could the climate survey be moved to the fall semester to help redistribute the surveys.

Colleges doing Noel Levitz are doing it without Central funds or support. There is no funding in the Central budget to support NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement). Since the VSA is in flux now, it's not clear what will be required.

Now news on PMP, and what form.

Associate/Certificate Graduate Survey will be distributed this year.

Proposal: Most the Baccalaureate Graduate Survey to this year (late spring or summer). Central OIRA considering Qualtrics. Looking at possibilities for CUNY wide licenses or to coordinate survey.

AAUP Survey. Voluntary, data is being handled by OIRA central.

Also to consider: The collection of faculty scholarship, which is part of the PMP.

## **Presentation**

### **5. Tracking the Career Outcomes of Graduate Center Alumni (Jennifer Kobrin)**

Jennifer shared research from the Graduate Center. There were many sources of information:

- Enrollment & Graduation records
- Exit Survey (2013-14)
- Alumni Survey (2004-07)
- Doctoral Program Records
- Internet (LinkedIn, Google, SeeThrough NY)

Employment information.

Small group of “leavers”

The study looked at those in academic and non-academic, where they were located, and what their primary work activity was. This was also broken down by cluster (Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences).

There is a dashboard of results

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/jennifer.kobrin#!/vizhome/AlumniDashboard/Story1>

### **Next Council Meeting:**

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017