



Institutional Research Council

555 West 57th Street (BMW Building) 1240 Conference Room (12th floor)

10:00am-12pm

IRC Minutes

Friday, December 15, 2017

1. Announcements and Updates

a) PMP Plans

With the resignation of the chancellor, the PMP plans are a bit up in the air. There probably will not be college visits this year. However, the PMP book and the research profiles will go forward and, we hope, will form the basis of a new PMP process. There will be an update later.

b) SAM Status

(Student Achievement Measures) – SAM is due Friday. Baccalaureate Data has been completed, Associate Level Data is still in progress. Reason for delay on Associate Degree: There is no template for this and it has to be done manually.

c) SES and Climate Survey

The climate survey is planned for February (tentatively). It will run for 3 or 4 weeks. Once that is done, OIRA Central will launch the SES. They may want to launch in early March and keep it up through spring break.

Last time both surveys were population surveys and this created confusion between the two. In addition, there will be a split sample, with 2 separate populations and sampling from that sample. This will ensure that no student will take both. For smaller colleges such as Gutman, it may be impossible to avoid students being seen both.

Currently the SES draft is being reviewed by Central. Afterwards it will be shared with IR Council for feedback. SES may be able to add a couple of questions to this survey. Still much under discussion. Feedback will be requested in January. Qualtrics will be used.

OIRA Central has no control over the Climate Survey. The understanding is that there will be no more than minimal changes to the survey.

2. Discussion

a) Survey Fatigue

Can we tag students for specific surveys so that student is being sent? In theory this is possible with Qualtrics. Do we have direct evidence for survey fatigue? Mini-sampling of survey populations might be helpful. There is also a potential survey for OER activities. Could we have a CUNY-wide shared calendar of surveys? This is something we'd like to propose.

b) PMP Pilot

Queensborough and John Jay are working with a pilot to look at broader and campus-specific measures.

Examples: For associate degree students they have compared how many new freshmen are taking 15 or more credits with those taking 15 credits+hours.

Lots of data and analysis was presented. Discussion of what other variables are needed on each campus to "tell the story." For example, remedial need, attendance flags, etc.

At John Jay, they discovered that their transfers to other CUNY colleges has increased at the expense of their statistics on retention to John Jay.

3. Presentation - IRA Tables : Demonstration and Info Session. – Ariel Cohen

Ariel began with a discussion of the history of the IRDB and the difficulty of policy changes as well as the problems of an aging technology.

Colleges that have direct admissions processes may not population the external education data that comes in through UAPC.

IRA Daily Term Enrollment: This is an expansion of CBIL to replace the i-184 that is not adequate for our need. The calculated fields in the Show-Reg file basically represents the CUNY business needs. We may not need to re-invent this.

Tables/Variables in this new plan have these endings:

HST D = History Dimension

HST F = History Facts

DLY = Daily *****Coming Soon!*****

In this way, it will be possible to combine frozen (HST) and the most recent (DLY) and the data that gets added / updated periodically (e.g., financial aid) until it also is frozen.

Right now names and addresses are not there. The assumption is that the most recent names/contact information for a student should be used. The historical data goes back to summer 2010 because this is still in development.

Two new areas will be added to the IRA set.

History – Class Enrollment

History – Class Performance

Also added to the Class Performance: the pathways requirements, some class attributes, and the class number.

Major Plans will go into Class Enrollment and Class Performance.

Use PROD2 as much as possible for the IRDB.

Applicants are included in every college to which they applied.

Parts of the new application system have already begun. The full application will be running in April and used for all enrollment starting Spring 19.

Financial Aid information for the prior year will be frozen at about the same time as the loading of the current year's fall enrollment data.

Rules about using IRA tables:

1. Pick a field from Enrollment Hst F to join to other tables
2. You need to pick Major (Academic Plan) before you can select Sub Plan.

History Facts has been split into Facts and Dimensions Table.

Scholar ID = EMPL ID. This is not unique. A leading 0 on the Scholar ID is a dummy EMPL ID. There were 2500 students affected in the system. The Student ID is unique. For History facts, within the college and term, it is essentially unique.

For majors, disabilities, etc. there can be multiple rows for an individual student.

IRA AY FA Awards Hist – has awards for the entire year but only for students enrolled in the fall.

RUN date is called SRC Date (source date)

Financial Aid data is now frozen for Aid Year 2017

Next Council Meeting:

IRC – Friday, January 26th, 2018