



IR Council Meeting

February 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Members Present

Cindy Almendarez	Kerry Mitchell	John Snelling	Beth Hunt Larson
Andrea Archer	Paul Marsh	James Waugh	Jan Binder
John Catapano	Donna Silber	Laurie Cohen	Sandy Hill
Linda Hughes	Tracy Salter	Ajit Kelkar	Keith Cantor

Meeting Minutes – The 1/09 and 2/09 minutes will be approved at the March meeting.

Hyperion Training – Persistence Based on Percent of Courses Taken in a Non-Traditional

Format – Tracy discussed Hyperion training question four from the IR Retreat held in December. The question is "how can you measure persistence of new full-time credit students?". The group helped to identify things to consider and various approaches to writing the query. Tracy provided a handout with the approach she used (including a derivable query and a decode statement) and also provided the district wide and college results. Tracy asked the council members to think about other persistence query examples to work on next month.

Mapping Update – Keith handed out a map showing the updated DSS sectors based on ARGIS and Maponics data. The handout listed several zip codes that were not assigned to a sector in DSS and also one zip code that is misaligned with the DSS sector.

SPSS Basics – Laurie C. walked us through some SPSS basics based on the request by the IRC members last month. Laurie stepped through the handout containing the SPSS steps to follow to open an excel file, name and define variables and run frequencies. Laurie also showed us three useful functions: recode into different variables, split file and aggregate. The council members would like statistic basics training at a future meeting.

IPEDS Changes – Donna notified the council that the HR winter reports are available on the shared drive. For Spring 2009, there is a new Supplemental Report from IPEDS. It reports on the number of undergraduates who are formally registered as students with disabilities. Donna will work with the college disability offices to get this information. In the future, this piece of information will be captured on the Institutional Characteristics Report, starting in the Fall of 2009. The supplemental report also asks us to calculate a 100% and 200% graduation rate using the 2004 RTK cohort that was used to calculate the 150% grad rate in the Spring of 2008. This information will be captured on a separate report in future IPEDS Spring Collection periods. There is also a new component to the Fall Enrollment Report. We will be reporting the faculty to student ratio for both full-time and part-time faculty and students. That is also a permanent addition to the IPEDS Fall Enrollment Report.

Academic Load - Tracy reviewed the handout and explained that the data in Term_Attempted_Actual and in Acad_Load_Code is incorrect in IRIS for all loads occurring since Fall 2008 45th day, except the weekly load (snapshot WK). This would be 4086 - snapshot 45, 4092 - snapshot BT, and 4076 to 4086 - snapshot ET. These 2 fields (Term_Attempted_Actual and Acad_Load_Code) have been including withdrawn classes, when hours in withdrawn classes should be excluded in these 2 fields. The last WK load, and all future loads of IRIS, will be correct. The queries for the impact are in X:\IR Shared\acad_load_code. There is a query for the impact of the 45th day snapshot, and another for the impact of the BT snapshot.

It was decided that the historical data would be corrected. This means the Fall 2008 45th day and Spring 2009 BT snapshot will be corrected manually by the District I.E. office. The Term_Attempted_Actual field will be calculated based on Attempted_Hours in enrolled classes, and Acad_Load_Code will be calculated based on Term_Attempted_Hours. The ET data will be refreshed with a special load to be done soon. Will go back to term 4072, as this was the first term refreshed with go-live data, and this is an opportunity to fix other issues that were resolved last year. As data is corrected, Tracy will send out an e-mail notification to the IR Council.

Tracy provided a handout that describes:

- **New IRIS tables**
 - Student_Groups – Get details from colleges because they create these groups
 - Student_Ferpa – Y indicates release of info. is authorized (RDS is the opposite).
 - XL_Student_Goals_Status
- **Recent IRIS Updates**
 - Classes.Weeks – calculation changed
 - Students.High_School_Grad – status in effect at the end of the term, changes made after the end of the term will never be reflected in IRIS.
- **Coming Soon**
 - Students.Phone – preferred phone number
 - Ftse_Manual_Adjustments – inserting new records (at student level) for adjustments and there may be negative numbers appearing for deletions. Expect table to be available 6 – 8 weeks after spring 2009 45th day.

Updates on NFC – Tracy presented the specs to the FA Council and they found no problem with the change, but the IT team is reviewing to make sure there is no impact to the financial aid system. Once that is done, it will be passed by SAG. After that, Tracy will submit the final specifications to SIS Development.

E-Scan – Beth encouraged everyone to post some critical articles that are future oriented and to identify the implications for MCCC. Cindy distributed a list of the 35 articles posted as of 2/17/09. The summit is scheduled for 3/27 and Beth asked for ideas on an alternative event in case we need to modify the summit format.

Discussion of persistence query changes for NCCBP– Beth discussed that the NCCBP query had been written to assume that students that graduated do not return in future terms. The query summarizes the students that earned a degree/certificate and then subtracts that total from the

students in the future term. Beth will run the query two different ways and get agreement from the council before the next NCCBP submission is due in early June.

AZ Air Update – Donna said the conference is scheduled for 4/2 and 3 at the Rio conference center. Damita is trying to get someone from the Governor's office (maybe even the Governor) to be the keynote speaker. ASU Decision Theater will present.

Discussion of CEC Trend Analysis – Beth distributed copies of the information that Linda Hawbaker sent out 2/12 and 2/6 to help with the trend analysis. The analysis by each college is due this Friday, 2/20.

Developmental Reading Analysis Report – Laurie C. discussed the handout "Does Reading Help?" that summarizes the research she completed on SCC students. The results of the study showed that the difference in persistence was huge for those students that tested into a developmental reading class and completed it.

Student Success Update – Beth provided an update on the progress made to date. All participants concurred and understand the district definition. Colleges are doing things a little differently. Linda Hawbaker is working on creating the common query so that everyone has the same variables and is conferring with Bob Bendotti about next steps.

Possible placement test cut score changes – Beth heard that some English and reading placement test cut scores and course numbers will change. Look for notification in March.

Book Review – Pascarella and Terenzini – How College Affects Students – Moved to March agenda.

College Updates, Sharing:

90:10 – Cindy modified the query yesterday due to two health-related course changes. There was a small impact to Mesa (-0.3) and Phoenix colleges (-0.4) difference column. Cindy will copy the updated query to the shared drive. The final report will be copied to shared drive once CEC and FEC approve it.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Next IR Council meeting:

- March 25, 9:00 a.m. IR Council Meeting at Rio Salado Conference Center