



IR Council Meeting

March 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Members Present

Cindy Almendarez	Jim Waugh	Alka Arora Singh	Beth Hunt Larson
Andrea Archer	Laurie Cohen	Mary Day	Ajit Kelkar
John Catapano	Tracy Salter	Damita Kaloostian	Laurie Pemberton
Kim Olson			

New GC IR Director – Jim Waugh introduced Alka Arora Singh to the IR Council. Alka is the new Director of Research and Planning at GC (replacing Matt Ashcraft) and is new to MCCCCD.

Collections for IR Snacks – Laurie C. said a donations jar will be set up and donations are voluntary and will help fund the monthly IRC meeting snacks.

Meeting Minutes – The 1/09 and 2/09 minutes were approved.

Hyperion Training – Persistence of Non-Traditional Students – Tracy continued the training that began last month and demonstrated the query building process using Hyperion. Two handouts were provided and the word document and the queries are saved on the IR Council drive (IR Council\Brio Training\IR Council meetings\persist of nontrade instr mode). Tracy walked through the steps that she used to answer the question "how can you measure persistence of new full-time credit students based on the percentage of courses that were taken in a non-traditional format?" Tracy spent time to explain the training items and provided insight to using Hyperion as listed below.

- Tracy used a derivable query to identify the NEW students and explained that it is a sub-query that is processed first each time it is used.
- She mentioned that we need to always bring something up to the request line from each table in the query so that each table is used in the results. Bring something to request line that is the same for everything like the snapshot, emplid, or college.
- We are not authorized to join a results table to a warehouse table because it will never complete and will tie up the system.
- Tracy demonstrated the Having clause and explained that it filters what is presented in the Results.
- Special syntax was used on several fields listed on the Request line. Tracy also walked us through creating several Computed Items in the Results.

ASSIST Updates – Tracy mentioned that the 2007-08 enrollment data is available and has been validated.

E-Scan Summit and Updates – Cindy reported there are 90 articles posted. The Summit is scheduled for April 15th from 8-10:30a.m. instead of the IRC meeting in April. There will only be 25 – 30 people participating in the Summit and please send one IR representative from each college plus an additional college representative. Send names to Cindy by Thursday, 3/26, so the invitations can be sent.

AZAir Updates – Damita announced the annual conference will be held at the Rio Conference Center and on Thursday, 4/2, the typical meetings will take place (Perkins Reporting, ASSIST Users Group and ASSIST Steering Committee). On Friday, 4/3, the topic is “*Preparing for the Future in Challenging Economic Times*” and the keynote speaker is Grady Gammage, Jr. from the Morrison Institute. Damita asked for volunteers to partner with the table discussion facilitator in the afternoon.

NCCBP Persistence Query – Beth mentioned that Donna is refining the query and will post it on the IR Shared folder for review.

AZ 2040 New Web Application – Cindy demonstrated the new enhanced AZ 2040 web application that was just created by the Web/Marketing department. This is an annual state reporting requirement on the performance of recent Arizona high school graduates their first year in MCCC. There is a link for the Query by High School reports and a separate link for the Query by College/MCCC Summary reports.

Summer Retreat – Laurie C. asked if there is any interest in holding a summer retreat in June or July. The council members would like to have a summer retreat. Laurie C. volunteered to lead this effort and will recruit several IRC members to assist with the planning.

45th Day Enrollment – Beth asked the IR Directors to submit a one-page Spring 2009 high level enrollment analysis by Friday, 3/27 or the following week. Please complete a Word document using Times New Roman 12 point font. Beth will compile them for CEC.

Placement test cut score document – Beth provided a handout of the Fall 2009 Placement Chart.

E-Scan Activity, Discussion – Beth explained that we will provide several article summaries by each workgroup to the E-Scan Summit participants. Beth asked the IRC to quickly brain storm and discuss and write down ideas for what areas we need to focus on for the articles. This activity generated a lot of discussion. The list of ideas were turned in to Cindy for reference.

Student Success Query, Updated Matrix, District Steering Committee – Thanks to Laurie P. for providing these notes. The most recent Data Inventory (dated March 18, 2009) was distributed to the college representatives. It contains information from each of the MCCC colleges except Mesa.

Amber briefly described the query that she has been working on to identify students meeting the District cohort definition. The query is available on the X drive in IR Shared\iStartSmart from

GCC\Revised. Discussions about previous college experience suggested that values considered should include both “F” (no prior college) and “n” (not reported).

In working on how to query the Student Success Project data, the need for a new table with data related to placement testing cutoffs has been identified. This is in the design stage now. Tracy and Linda will update the group about the progress. Amber will wait for the new table to use in the BOEXI reports that she is developing.

Amber’s current query returns both students and the classes that they are taking in their first term. This is so that questions like ‘are the cohort students enrolled in the Student Success course’ and ‘are cohort students who test into developmental courses taking such courses’ can be addressed. Currently, the query also uses specific course numbers for the NSO (as not all orientation sections at Glendale are considered to satisfy the experiences for the cohort students).

Amber will refine the query to remove college specific information. Linda suggested segmenting the query into components and modularizing the test information in the query. The query will continue to be refined and simplified.

Linda is working on the measure of success queries and report “templates”. She will update the group about the progress and when/where they are available.

Beth will be the IR Council representative to the District SSPP Steering Team. She distributed information about that group and will update the group about its meeting on Mar 26, 2009 and future tasks.

Attendees: Cindy A, Beth, Linda Hawbaker, Laurie C, Laurie P, Damita, Mary Day, Andrea, Alka & Kim

Meeting adjourned 11:40 a.m.

Next IR Council meeting:

- May 20, 9:00 a.m. IR Council Meeting at Rio Salado Conference Center