



IR Council Meeting

August 19, 2009

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Members Present

Cindy Almendarez	Beth Hunt Larson	Laurie Cohen	Linda Hughes
Tracy Salter	Donna Silber	Christy Flora	Ajit Kelkar
Laurie Pemberton	Joann Caufield	John Snelling	John Catapano
Sue Starrfield	Adam Lange	Kerry Mitchell	Chris Frattare

Hyperion Training – Tracy walked us through the New/Former/Continuing query work around. This can be used until the new logic is implemented (possibly right after 8/28). There is a system and network freeze until 6p.m. on August 28th. The query is saved here: \IR Council\Brio Training\IR Council meetings\NFC work around. The query determines if the student is new to the college and looks at if the student was enrolled prior to spring 2009 and uses a grouping item on Most Recent Term. Good discussion was generated and the prizes provided by Tracy were a special treat! Here are some things to be familiar with:

- When you use a group on terms you need to change the groups when the term changes in your limit.
- The Student Counter column is needed if you want to calculate the percent of total.
- To calculate the percent of N/F/C by college you need to create a computed item in the pivot and divide Student Counter by the Sum of (Student Counter, College).

ASSIST Access – Tracy discussed the Maricopa view of ASSIST (see handout) and said the copies of the signed agreements from colleges have been submitted to A.S.U. All current IR ASSIST users are being set up with this new access. Be aware that the new Maricopa views will be used on new queries. You will be notified when your access is available. Use the new ASSIST_OCE3 for the Maricopa views and the ASSIST_OCE1 for your college views.

Student Success Follow-up – Beth updated the group on the July Steering Committee meeting. Reviewed the issues listed on the handout and submitted an additional issue related to measuring the success of SPSS. Linda Hawbaker is supporting the queries.

Linda Hawbaker is completing an analysis for the Course Placement Council to review the students that took a placement test, whether they followed placement and whether they were successful or not. This analysis may also be used for the evaluation of the new math ALEKS test that three colleges are piloting.

Brainkeeper WIKI for RDS – John S. wondered if the council would like to use a WIKI for the RDS similar to the one in use for IRIS. Our end users want more real-time information vs. weekly and thought we could share helpful information about RDS. There could also be one set

up for ASSIST. The council would find this useful and Beth will research the best way to set this up (either in three folders or in three spaces within the folder).

Noel-Levitz and CCSSE Custom Questions Follow-up – Laurie C. reviewed the discussion from the summer retreat. She distributed a handout with the custom questions and some proposed new questions that she received. A recommendation was made to form a subgroup to review the questions and then tie them to the District-wide initiatives like student success, transfer, etc. The Noel-Levitz surveys will be conducted by all of the colleges in Spring 2010 and the custom questions will be put on a separate sheet and not included in the survey they provide. The custom questions for CCSSE are included in the survey they provide.

Predictive Modeling Follow-up – Tracy reviewed a handout with the discussion and concerns from the discussion held at the summer retreat. Several potential initiatives were identified. The colleges will need some time to plan to use this model. Beth will take this to the instructional groups including the MATH instructional council to find out who can roll it out.

There are two requests that came from the discussion:

- Review the selected variables. The confidence level of the model is critical. Can the model be used for other subjects?
- A chart by college of the number of students on the list and the number of students enrolled. The number of students on the list may determine the type of intervention.

Uses of NCCBP Data Follow-up – The discussion from the summer retreat was reviewed. Many colleges are using the NCCBP indicators as a part of their planning process. The Governing Board Monitoring report will be presented at the November Governing Board Retreat. This year the presentation will focus on how the district is addressing the findings across the district. (i.e., student success) as well as reviewing the indicators.

New Federal Reporting Updates – Donna reviewed two handouts and mentioned that the biggest change this year in IPEDS is the additional information that will be collected in the Spring on the IPEDS Financial Aid Report. We will report 3 years of financial aid data in preparation for the implementation of the Net Price Calculator, scheduled for August 2011. This will involve the collaboration of several areas (IT, A&R, IE, Financial Aid, etc.). There is also a Multiyear Tuition Calculator being implemented in August 2009. This calculator will be displayed on the College Navigator website. Beth mentioned that the HEA has a lot of requirements listed in the most recent AIR Alert and we will need to determine which of the requirements the IR council, the colleges and the district will be addressing. Many of the requirements appear to be cross-functional. For example, the transfer policy requirement is displayed in the common pages, and the A&R Council is working on the text-book requirement. Donna is corresponding with NPEC to receive a list of the mandated information that each of the colleges must post on their websites. This list should be available sometime late in September or early October.

EMSI Update – We are trying to renegotiate the EMSI contract because they do not allow remote users and want each college to pay for a license. John Catapano has offered to run batch reports and will take custom requests, if needed. Beth will provide an update on the contract.

College Updates:

- Laurie Pemberton introduced Joann Caufield (background is Financial Aid) who is working with Laurie on the iStart Smart project.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Next IR Council meeting:

September 16, 9:00 a.m. – Noon IR Council Meeting at Rio Salado Conference Center.