

HEI Liaisons Phone Conference Meeting

July 31, 2014, 10 am-12:00 pm

Notes and Outcomes

HEI Rewrite Quick Update: Business Analysts are still in the 90 day period of discovery. That is, gathering data needs for the HEI rewrite and looking for options of alternative data sources. A more formal update will be provided during the August meeting. Some of the issues that have come up during the discovery period include:

- IPEDS downloads: Should these be refreshed in the rewrite? Liaisons noted that they were not currently using the downloads. One institution said that they used them when they worked but don't now. Most do use the basic download your inst data query. This could be enhanced or used for future IPEDS downloads as well as other needs.
- As we do rewrite, we want to combine files and make changes. OBR is considering a survey to collect needs for HEI rewrite from Liaisons and data reporters.
- A question was asked regarding the financial data. Stephanie noted that business analysts are researching a possibility of gathering financial information from OBM who is collecting audited financial statements electronically. This option does not address resource analysis needs and that data will still be collected from institutions via HEI. It was noted that the edits for resource analysis data are the edits that are most frustrating for institutions. Business analysts will look for ways to ease reporting of these data.
- Business Analysts had meetings with the HEI Liaisons and IT departments who responded to our request for meetings. Meetings with a representative sample of institutions have been held and do not plan to meet with other institutions for IT questions unless liaisons contact Stephanie and request a meeting. (Note OBR will continue to work with HEI Liaisons throughout the rewrite process and ask for feedback on our progress and data needs).

Math Initiative Update: We talked last time about our academic programs department working with math chairs to see how program design might affect student success. In particular, they are concerned with whether gateway courses pose barriers to graduation. Data are needed to help figure out what are gateway courses and then their sequence and where they follow.

- A request was made of math chairs that provided HEI math course data and asked which courses are gateway courses. Data came back in a manner that is difficult to use.
- Discussion around this topic included that many liaisons agreed that what is being asked for by the math chairs is a mini degree audit system. There is not an easy way to get this information. Need to go to the degree audit system to get these data in a usable format. Stephanie will meet with the math chairs in a few weeks, she may ask some liaisons to attend the meeting to so that they can explain the difficulties in getting these data

Internship Reporting Update: Two new codes adding to ST file. The new codes are not mandatory but can be reported in SM14. They will become mandatory in SM15.

Name File: Most 2 years institutions have submitted a name file and info will be incorporated into final run for FY15 SSI. The topic of whether to incorporate a component in the SSI for 4 year institutions has started to emerge. It would apply to UND Nonresident graduates who stay in Ohio for work or private grad school. For 4 years institutions who want to start planning, the specifications are on web. The file is the same as would submit to NSC currently on campus. In addition, Articulation and Transfer has asked for all four year institutions to submit this file for their research. They are doing research for AP and getting fewer and fewer matches because students aren't giving SSN when taking AP exam. Would 4 years be willing to submit? Stephanie will send out a request from Articulation and Transfer soon.

Data Submissions issues: Discussion on data submissions focused on the issues below.

The Special Populations (SP) file has been updated to include codes for veterans and for underprepared students. This is a simple file, please see the documentation on the web. We would like institutions to begin reporting these data with FY14. OBR understands the difficulty in collecting veteran data and that data may be incomplete for this data element. OBR staff asked that institutions send an email with file which talks about the data issues for the file. If data are available for GRD veterans, please report them too. The SP is annual so report any students who were enrolled FY2014 any term for veterans. For under-prepared students report new to you at any term in FY14. There will be multiple records for students that meet multiple criteria in the SP file. The underprepared student codes are for 2 year institutions only. The military code is for all institutions.

The DC file has been opened earlier so that institutions can report data as they are ready.

We are having some issues with institutions not making their deadline. Stephanie emphasized the importance of having data in on time and finalizing the data each term.

HEI Audit: A handful of schools were looked at (5 of them) by state auditors to help HEI better understand validity of data. This is a special audit that is not the normal enrollment audit process. The auditors have completed their work and are providing the report to the HEI staff. HEI staff will review the findings and share those reports with the schools that were audited.

Certificate Reporting: Calista Smith provided an update on the certificate reporting. A primary point about the reporting is allowing OBR to distinguish between technical and non-technical certificates. Penelope noted that HEI will not collect new codes until SM15 but we are asking schools to make sure institutions awarding certificate are coding them appropriately and reporting all certificates awarded because it will be a part of funding soon. A question was

asked regarding whether these data will be used for gainful employment data. OBR staff noted that it is possible but not at this time and the issues are separate.

Ohio Educational Resource Center (OERC) dashboard review: Josh Hawley provided an overview of a new dashboard designed by staff at OERC. Liaisons provided comment on functionality and presentation.

Next meeting: August 28, 2014, 10am-12pm