

Institutional Research Council
of the City University of New York

Minutes of the January 30, 2004 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the chair, Sherri Ondrus.

It was noted that almost all members of the IR Council were present.

Announcements from OIRA: the faculty survey is still in progress and being discussed with various constituents. The Student Experience Survey is still in progress and the deadline is imminent.

Cheryl Littman indicated that the faculty and staff information in IPEDS is ready to be locked. NiPSAS faculty survey is still in progress and they are ready to select their sample. The work associated with this project is being conducted in conjunction with OIRA. IR directors were informed that questions about these surveys should be directed to central.

CDS and HS Ranking Information for Surveys: IRDB has some enrollment data already. Additional information, including HS rank has been requested from UAPC.

CAS file and data: there are multiple versions with updates, etc. Therefore, data can be different from one analysis to the next. Direct admits are added from information in the Show-Reg file. OIRA has a complex methodology for identifying applied, admitted and enrolled numbers. However, they use the CAS for these data.

Various statistics are promulgated. Statistics based on enrolled students use the CAS and Show-Reg files. Statistics based on admitted use the CAS, only. Statistics based on applied, admitted and enrolled students use the CAS and Show-Reg files.

Identifying students to include in analyses: Skills tests data are often incomplete on the CAS file. There is a field, CASELIG, which contains values related to SEEK-eligible students, conditional admissions, etc. UAPC uses a value of "R" for 'regular admissions' (i.e., fully-admitted, student has met all criteria).

The High School graduation date defines current high school graduates (i.e., within the last year).

Therefore, to identify students for applied, admit, enrolled analyses use students with high school graduation date within the last year, who graduated from a U.S. high school (exclude G.E.D. recipients), and who have an "R" in the CASELIG field. These are the students that are included in SAT analyses, as well.

However, for SAT reporting there are some special additional considerations: for the PMP, SAT means are based on admitted students, using the final CAS; for US News survey, SAT reporting is based on enrolled students and the statistics OIRA has provided already used a preliminary CAS file.

Class rank is not required by CUNY for admissions. But the class rank is obtained from the SARK system (the NYC Department of Education's data system which is maintained and operated by UAPC).

Steve Johnson announced that CSI is conducting a poll on transportation issues on Staten Island. A conference on this will occur at CSI in March. They are using a phone poll to conduct the survey.

COMPASS Math Pilot: Angela Grima discussed some methods and issues relating to developing placement options for the new COMPASS Math test:

- The first pilot was done last year and used to set cut scores
- The second pilot has been conducted, so far, at CCNY and Lehman and others, for developing cut scores for placement.
- Look at frequency distributions for performance.
- Look at correlations between COMPASS Math and course grades, if available.

A discussion ensued about various methods, procedures, issues, concerns, and studies that could be used for setting placement cut scores.

Virginia Moreno will be sending a comprehensive file on the CPE to the IR directors, shortly.

Dean Crook announced the CUNY-wide results for the October 2003 CPE administration:

Overall pass rate:	76.6 percent
Senior Colleges:	80.1 percent
Comprehensive Colleges:	70.4 percent
Community Colleges:	69.5 percent

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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