

DIR Monthly Call Notes 10/13/2020**IPEDS Fall Collection**

Reminder that the key holder locking deadline for IPEDS Fall surveys – Institutional Characteristics, Completions, and 12-Month Enrollment is Wednesday, October 14th.

AAUP

D&A emailed the DIRs last week proposing some potential changes to how the population reported on the AAUP survey is identified and classified. Consensus was that more time is needed for research, testing, and discussion. We will continue the conversation in early 2021 and we will plan to make potential updates to the AAUP survey in 2022 which is based on the October 2021 HRDM snapshot.

System Office SAS Dashboards

The public System Office dashboards are located here: <https://www.northcarolina.edu/impact/stats-data-reports/>
The SAS hosting environment has been updated so it no longer uses Flash. We intend to update the dashboards according to the following schedule: Degrees Dashboard in late October, Enrollment Dashboard in November, Freshmen Performance Dashboard in December, and Transfer Dashboard in January. We also usually do another update of the Freshmen Performance Dashboard in February to reflect any changes in retention and graduation rates that were identified during reporting on IPEDS graduation rates. Whenever one of the dashboards is updated with a new year of data, we will send an email to let you know. We will also ask that you review your institution's data within a few weeks of the update to confirm that everything is looking as expected.

Low Productivity Program Review (*question from ASU*) – *What do we need to plan for that this year? I have heard that it may be different.*

The Academic Affairs Division at the System Office is responsible for reviewing all programs periodically to identify programs with low productivity and work with the institutions to look into the causes and propose solutions. The basis of that report is a SAS program that Data & Analytics runs based off of SDM data. We have been told the review process will be more robust than usual this year, but we don't have details on what exactly that will entail. For now we have been asked to run the SAS program that we typically run, and we are working on that. I'll try to get more details from Academic Affairs about this year's process before our next meeting.

Update and Status of the DA_GRADRET dataset

Data & Analytics created and maintains a graduation/retention dataset that is available to you through Redshift. The name of the dataset is DA_GRADRET and it contains data on term by term retention, graduation, and persistence, along with student demographic data. Our office is in the process of updating that dataset to include 2019-2020 completions. That version is currently undergoing QC and will be made available once QC is complete, hopefully around the end of October. In late November/early December, this dataset will be updated again to include updated Clearinghouse data and the 2019-2020 financial aid data. We will notify institutions when a new version of the DA_GRADRET dataset is available.

Insight Graduation/Retention Dashboard

We are working on a Graduation/Retention dashboard that will be part of the Insight platform. This dashboard will use the data from DA_GRADRET dataset. We have heard back from some of you who are willing to serve as beta testers for this dashboard. Before we make the dashboard available to beta testers, we'd like to have the updated DA_GRADRET dataset, that includes the 2019-2020 completions, feeding the dashboard. Once that data has been QC'ed and added to the dashboard, we will be reaching out to the beta testers with more information.

October HRDM Snapshot

Reminder that the October HRDM submission will be used to create the 2020 PDF dataset. The PDF dataset is what we will use for official HR reporting such as IPEDS and AAUP. Please review your institution's data carefully before this month's HRDM snapshot closes!

IPEDS HR Full-Time/Part-Time

We are making one update to our IPEDS HR reporting this year. Our SAS code has historically not used the employee_full_part_time_ipeds variable. Instead, the SAS code calculated full time/part time based on the appointment period and the total FTE for all employees. This year, we are making the update to use the derived employee_full_part_time_ipeds field when reporting to IPEDS. The only difference between what our SAS code had been doing and using the derived IPEDS variable is that for employees who are not in soc_code_primary of 251000, only their total FTE is considered and not their appointment period.

What D&A Is Working On

At any given time, the System Office Data & Analytics team is working on many projects. We want to keep you informed about some of the main projects we are working on that affect you. Right now some of those projects include adding a new year of data to the public dashboards, running the low productivity report for Academic Affairs to begin their program review, updating the annual Strategic Plan metrics, calculating preliminary graduation and retention rates, preparing the Delaware Faculty Workload report, helping finalize the Peer Study, and reviewing changes for the most recent SDM release. We'll try to give you an update like that every month to help you gauge what reports you can expect from us soon and anticipate what projects we may be asking you questions about.

Absence of In-Person Meetings

Normally we have an in-person IR/Registrar meeting in late spring/early summer, and we have an SDM technical meeting with heavy IR representation in mid-fall. Without those in-person meetings this year, we are missing out on opportunities for more in-depth discussions of reporting issues and presentations from our IR community. We would like to facilitate ways to have those conversations in the absence of in-person meetings. Please think about what that might look like – better use of these monthly calls, a separate dedicated time like a half day virtual conference, something else? Please also think of potential topics that our whole group could benefit from. Possible topics so far include: AAUP population logic, reporting librarians. Please send ideas to demarian@northcarolina.edu