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The Office of Institutional Research Annual Report

The Office of Institutional Research saw big changes this year, both in the scope of their projects as well as their personnel. On June 30, 2011, Pat Meade retired as director, Kim Wallace assumed her position as the new director, and Ryan Lambert joined the team as a research analyst. In April, data specialist Art Vallejos left IR to pursue other ventures.

In alignment with the FRCC strategic plan, IR focused on ways they could increase student success, build partnerships with outside constituents, and increase operational efficiency. IR staff initiated several new projects including creating Dashboards and building ACCESS databases for other departments. In January, our department took on the IR responsibilities for Lamar Community College, forging stronger bonds between our institutions.

2011-12 IR New Projects

The Office of Institutional Research completed several new research-related activities in 2011-12, including:

- Volunteered to assume the IR tasks for Lamar Community College in January 2012.
- Dashboard Project:
    - Room Utilization
    - FTE trends, by Site and Prefix
    - First term student success
    - Success rates by course
    - High school penetration rates
    - Demographics

- Mapped the location of high schools in the FRCC service area, with overlays showing average income in the area for College Now (formerly Concurrent Enrollment)
- Provided data for the CCSSE student engagement survey.
- Overhauled the IR web page with a new Splash page featuring Fast Facts and dashboards.
- Supported FRCC grant efforts by providing data.
- Provided data in support of the FRCC Strategic Planning process and participated in planning sessions.
- Supported an audit on COF procedures.
- Built ACCESS databases for several departments at FRCC, including Continuing Education, Financial Aid, and Recruitment.
- Responded to nearly 500 ad hoc internal and external data queries to support numerous institutional projects.

- Provided survey consulting services to various FRCC departments, including helping departments create data-entry templates and completing statistical analysis

2011-12 IR Research Briefs

Institutional Research produced eight Research Briefs this year:

- Fall 2011 Concurrently enrolled at other colleges
- Certificates who continue to Associates
- GPA and earned hours of Drop-outs
- FRCC Transfers to Metro
- Allied Health Professions
- Spring 2012 FRCC students concurrently enrolled at other colleges
- Top jobs for Associates' Degrees
- PSEO Enrolled as Undergraduates

2011-12 IR Conference and Presentations

- Ryan Lambert presented his Excel dashboard project to IRAG in February.
- Kim Wallace attended two CORAC Conferences in Fort Collins and Golden, Colorado
- In November 2012, Kim Wallace presented "IR Data and Tools" to Roadmap to Achievement.
- In spring 2012, Ryan Lambert attended Association of Institutional Research (AIR) in New Orleans where he received high acclaim for his presentation of "Anyone Can Dashboard in Excel".

2011-12 IR Surveys

The Office of Institutional Research completed two internal college-wide surveys:

- Graduate/Vocational Graduate Follow-up Survey.
- Currently Enrolled Student Survey

In addition, IR completed numerous external surveys including the Common Data Set, Petersons Guide, Wintergreen/Orchard House, Higher Learning Commission, and others.

2011-12 IR Training Received

Staff development remains an ongoing goal of the Office of Institutional Research. Staff development activities this year included:

- Anti-harassment training
- Active Shooter Video
- Delegation Training
- 6-Sigma Performance Metrics
- Effective Performance Evaluations
- Coaching, Counseling, and Mentoring Skills for Managers
- Budget training
- Purchasing training
- Roadmap to Achievement
- IR staff also maintains a schedule for internal cross-training on all IR products to ensure overlapping coverage for all projects.

2011-12 IR Committee and Council Memberships

The Office of Institutional Research continued to participate on numerous internal and external committees and councils.

- CCCS Institutional Research Advisory Group (IRAG)
- Colorado Data Analysis Group (DAG)
- Colorado Association of Planners and Institutional Researchers (CAPIR)
- Rocky Mountain Association of Institutional Researchers (RMAIR)
- Association of Institutional Research (AIR)
- Vice President of Finance and Administration Team (VPFA)
- Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- CCCS IT Priorities
- FLAC committee with CCCS IT
- Colorado Regional Assessment Council (CORAC)
- Late Registration Taskforce
- Multiple Strategic Planning Committees

IR Future Goals

In AY13, the Office of Institutional Research is being moved from the division under the Vice President of Finance and Administration, Jennifer Sobanet, to a newly developed division of Strategic Planning under Stacey Hogan. The IR team is looking forward to

working closely with Stacey and the as-yet unformed Grants department to further the initiatives of the FRCC Strategic Plan.

The Office of Institutional Research collects, analyzes, interprets, and makes available data to assist institutional decision-makers, community members, and current and prospective students in making informed decisions. In an effort to make the information we produce readily available to everyone, many of the products we produce may be accessed on the FRCC Office of Institutional Research web page (www.frontrange.edu/ir). We also maintain a current intranet site to provide census, IPEDS and non-public information to all FRCC faculty and staff.

Questions or comments regarding the web site or the information contained herein may be directed to the Front Range Community College Office of Institutional Research. We have attempted to format the web site in the most user-friendly manner possible. However, if in using it you have suggestions, please let us know. For more in-depth information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.