

Round Robin - OPAR Projects and Activities
CDR Liaison/IR Meeting
April 3, 2008

I. Info Memos

The following Info Memos are published annually. We're interested in ideas for additional data to include in IM's and/or ideas for new IM's.

Participation in M/D Precollege Programs	Transfer Students
Degrees Conferred	Student Financial Aid
Trends in Enrollment	New Freshman Class

II. Wisconsin High School Graduate Projections

OPAR recently contracted with UW-Madison's Applied Population Lab (APL) to produce projections of Wisconsin high school graduates from 2008 to 2019. The projections include data by sex for individual Wisconsin counties, by race/ethnicity for eleven Wisconsin economic development regions, and by sex by race/ethnicity for the state as a whole. The regional and county detail may be useful for institutions engaged in regional economic development collaborations, and for enrollment planning at institutions that draw primarily from their local region. The projections are currently available on OPAR's web site: <http://www.uwsa.edu/opar/reports/projections/>. In late April, look for additional race/ethnicity detail for the 10 most diverse Wisconsin counties. Contact David Blough with any questions.

III. Nursing Education Task Force

A UW System Task Force has been convened to study current and projected supply and demand of nursing graduates at the baccalaureate and graduate level in the state, and to formulate recommendations on steps that need to be taken by the UW System to ensure that the state's public higher education needs in nursing over the next 5-10 years are effectively and efficiently met. The Task Force includes representatives from six UW institutions (Madison, Milwaukee, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Oshkosh, and Stevens Point) along with staff from the UW System Office of Academic and Student Services and OPAR (Yufeng Duan).

IV. Fund for Wisconsin Scholars

The Fund for Wisconsin Scholars (FFWS) is designed to help reduce the financial barriers to college and to lighten the debt that most Wisconsin students incur during their college years. The founding gift of \$175,000,000 from John P. and Tashia F. Morgridge created a permanent endowment to provide grants for eligible, lower-income, talented graduates of Wisconsin public schools attending a Wisconsin public post-secondary educational institution. OPAR is using CDR Financial Aid info to help FFWS determine the eligible student population. OPAR contact is Sharon Wilhelm.

V. Equity Scorecard Project

Five UW institutions are participating in the second round of the Equity Scorecard project (UW-Eau Claire, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stout, and UW-Superior). Vicki Washington from the UW System Office of Academic Development and Diversity leads the project. Each scorecard team includes an institutional researcher; Sue Michalek is on the UW System scorecard team.

VI. Climate Assessment Project

Five UW institutions are participating in the Climate Assessment Project (UW Colleges, UW-La Crosse, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, and UW-Stevens Point). Lisa Beckstrand from the UW System Office of Academic and Student Services leads the project in conjunction with Rankin & Associates. The survey is being fielded this term, with distribution to all faculty, staff, and students. Institutional reports will be shared in Fall 2008. OPAR contacts are Sharon Wilhelm and David Blough.

VII. Credits to Degree/Time to Degree Project

Work continues on the Credits to Degree project – replacing the current mainframe system with an Oracle-based system. The new system will also provide Time to Degree information. David Blough and Jing Chen are the primary OPAR staff working on this project.

VIII. TIS Re-Engineering Project

Work continues on the TIS Re-Engineering project – replacing the current system with an Oracle-based system. The initial testing phase involves Todd Bailey and Gail Bergman in OPAR. It will be followed by pilot testing by campus users of the TIS Wizards and the TIS On-line Maintenance System.