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Upcoming Activities

Data
Submission
Target Dates:

CC Degree File
10/31

*CC Fall
Registration File*
10/31

UV Summer Files
9/30

*UV Fall 21-Day
Files* 10/15

ASSIST 2009
Spring Meeting:

April 2

at ASU

*followed by AZAIR
on April 3*

ASSIST Updates

Welcome New Steering Committee Members

In early summer, [Guillermo Uribe](#) from the [University of Arizona](#) joined the ASSIST Steering Committee. Later this summer, [Nicola Richmond](#) was named as [Pima Community College's](#) representative. Both have active ASSIST user accounts.

Steering Committee members act as spokespersons for their institutions regarding policies and priorities for development, maintenance, and operation of ASSIST. These institutional representatives approve access to ASSIST for appropriate individuals within the institution, adding and deleting individuals as needed. The complete up-to-date listing of Steering Committee membership is available at:

http://www.asu.edu/assist/publications/ASSIST_Steering_Committee.pdf

Statewide Transfer Rate

A statewide workgroup comprised of representatives from rural and urban community colleges, universities, the Arizona Board of Regents, the Arizona Transfer Articulation Support System, and the Governor's P-20 Council was established to address the issue of developing a meaningful statewide transfer rate. Considerable effort has been devoted since April's AZAIR meeting to explore the various definitions and methodologies that could be used to measure transfer rates for Arizona public higher education.

Using ASSIST data, the workgroup studied numerous transfer intent behaviors of new-to-higher-education community college students during their first years of attendance. Several entering cohorts were tracked for over six years after initial enrollment at the community college.

The group is in the process of presenting their recommendations for a transfer student cohort and a state transfer rate model.

New ASSIST Mailing Address

The off-campus move for ASSIST staff in late June on a record-setting day of heat was successfully accomplished with no interruption in data availability or assistance. The mailing address, however, has been changed to:

**PO Box 875304
Tempe, AZ 85287-5304**

Coming to Visit?

Our new physical address with both Google and ASU map links has been added to the front page of the ASSIST website (<http://www.asu.edu/assist/>).

The new office is in University Center A (UCNTRA is ASU's building code designation), a one-story building on the north side of University, between Rural and McClintock, with free and available parking. The front exterior door of the office is located in the southeast corner of the 1100 building.

Recent Developments

New UV STUDENT Data Element: *Primary Campus* for NAU

The data element **UV Student Primary Campus Code** has been added to the **UV STUDENT Table**. Now populated for NAU students from Fall 2003 on, the code indicates where students receive most of their services and take most of their courses. NAU currently has 35 primary campus designations, one classified as online and the other 34 as campus sites.

This additional data item may be of particular interest when an institution is examining concurrent enrollment with NAU or subsequent transfer to NAU. Thank you NAU for providing these data to ASSIST. The updated **UV STUDENT Table** documentation is posted at:

http://www.asu.edu/assist/publications/UV_STUDENT_Data_Elements_July2008_Additional_Element.doc

Grade Point Value added to CC COURSE GRADE CODE Table

The grade point values associated with grade codes have been added to the community college version of the course grade code table. Additionally, a few new grade codes that appeared in the 2006-2007 course file submissions have been included. The grade point values make it easier to calculate GPAs, especially when looking at select course work in particular subject groupings.

The most challenging aspect of working with grade codes and point values from institutions across the state during the past couple years has been to stay current with the handling of Withdrawal grades—which Ws are not included in the GPA and which Ws are. ASSIST would appreciate being notified when an institution adds any new grade code or changes the point value.

Spring 08 Semester Registration Data *Really* is Available Now

Optional Spring 08 registration data are available for 15 community colleges in six districts. The Summer *E-News* prematurely announced the availability of MCCCDC data before the loading was complete. These spring registration records, along with the universities' spring enrollment data, allow for concurrent enrollment queries to be run among 18 colleges and universities.

On the Drawing Board . . .

Overhauling the ASSIST Training Web Page

One of our projects just underway involves a redesign of the ASSIST training web page. Over the years, various training materials have been prepared for the annual ASSIST users meetings, some specialized user training groups and sessions, and other quick tips for the *ASSIST E-News*.

Currently some of these materials are posted but are organized by date of presentation—not much help for newbies looking for training assistance or even well-established users looking for a refresher on a particular aspect of Hyperion/BRIO.

The goal of the project is to disaggregate the training material packages into separate, clearly identifiable topics with individual links. The updated training page should be available later this semester.

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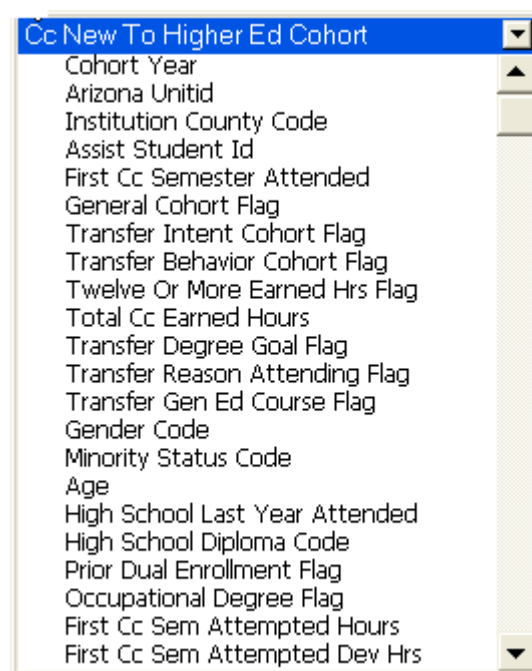
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Developing a CC NEW TO HIGHER ED COHORT Table

The recent work to identify and define a transfer cohort by various intents, behaviors and course completion has pointed out the need to establish an additional table identifying new-to-higher-education community college cohorts. Initial design efforts are testing a variety of data elements as shown below.



ASSIST will keep you posted of the development of this table!