

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE ANALYSIS AND REPORTING GROUP

February 22, 2006, 4:30pm
SUB Room 308

Those Present: David Gillette, Dan Doman, Tom Marshall, Erika Woehlk, Sue Pieper, Dean De Cock, Nabil Alghalith, John Ishiyama, David Hoffman

Guests: Tammy Roberts, Nancy Asher, Nancy Hoffman

I. Data Warehousing – Tammy Roberts, Nancy Asher, and Nancy Hoffman

A. T. Roberts distributed two handouts on the Operational Data Store (ODS).

B. About the ODS

1. It is on a separate server from Banner, but it can link to Banner data and will be refreshed nightly.
2. There are preset tables, or “object access views,” and the capability to create our own tables as well.
3. ITS has already discussed inputting CIRP, CSEQ, GSQ, and Alumni Survey data. As long as students provide a Social Security Number or a Banner ID, their survey data can be linked to anything in Banner.
4. Information can go as far back as the mid-1980s.

C. Discussion

1. How will access to the data work? Right now, we foresee the Steering Committee granting access to the ODS object access views. Currently this Committee sets policies and meets monthly. Only a few people will have permission to write reports, but more will likely have permission to view reports.
2. How does the ODS work? The ODS is a fully functional Oracle database and will house Truman’s assessment data that are not already in Banner. The Web interface has metadata (information regarding actual data) that lets you download raw data directly into Excel or SPSS.
3. When will the ODS be ready? Probably sometime by the end of the summer. T. Roberts could give the ARG a demo later this semester.
4. What will be done to guard sensitive data? The identifiers will be stripped by ITS before the data are sent to the faculty member requesting them.

D. The ARG should let T. Roberts know what kind of projects we are interested in.

E. The ARG thanked the guests and commended them for buying the ODS, which has tremendous possibilities for assessment research.

II. Assessment Grants Update – Erika Woehlk

A. All the grant agreement forms have been returned from the grant recipients: Tony Weisstein, John Rutter, Jennifer Hurst, and Michelle Boyd.

B. The Education grant writer submitted answers to the ARG's questions as part of his revise and resubmit we asked him to do. After discussion, the ARG will recommend to the Vice President that this grant application be denied. E. Woehlk will craft a response to the grant writer.

III. The next Assessment Colloquium is Monday, February 27 at 4:30pm in PML 205. Barbara Price will be presenting on the collegial review of student writing.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.

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