

STCIR Summer Meeting
DelMar College, Corpus Christi, TX
July 18, 2003
10:00 AM

Present: David Andrus (DMC), Brenda Cole (STCC), Evelyn Cook (CBC), Dr. Gail Dantzker (STCC), Jessie Garcia (STCC), Ed De La Garza (UTPA), Jacque Gillispie (STCC), Jorge Gomez (STCC), Wesley Jennings (STCC), Srikanth Kasha (TAMUCC), Carol LaRue (DMC), Randy Lindeman (CBC), Thelma Oliver (CBC), Dr. Paul Orser, Jr. (TAMUCC), Darlene Roberts (DMC), Alan Tipton (TAMUK), Sonia Valdez (SAC)

Distributed: Agenda, Data Exchange Sample (Del Mar), Proposed Data Sharing Profile Draft (STCC), Potential Graduate Report (STCC), TAIR Summer Workshop (STCC), Hypotheses About Outcomes, Time and Resources (STCC)

Discussion of Data Exchange: Mr. Andrus reviewed the need for data exchange and Dr. Dantzker discussed the variables and methodology. Longitudinal data exchange would determine if students are being properly prepared for other institutions by tracking students transferring from two-year institutions to four-year, and vice versa. It would track where students go, how well they do after transferring, and how well they do in higher courses at other institutions. Del Mar, Texas A&M University – Kingsville, South Texas Community College and Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi expressed their interest in participating in the data exchange.

Mr. Andrus discussed the Data Exchange Sample handout and informed the group that it could be used to summarize course grade and degree completion. He also stated that Del Mar College's conversion to SIS has been postponed and student course data may take longer to share. Mr. Andrus expressed that he would like to include the University of the Incarnate Word, St. Mary's University and others in the data exchange.

Dr. Dantzker distributed and discussed the Proposed Data Sharing Profile Draft. Mr. Tipton informed the members that he would like to see how students do in core courses at different institutions. Possible additions to the draft are high school FICE and percentile/rank under "Student Information", and remedial courses. "DL course" would include all technologically enhanced courses offered. Dr. Dantzker stated that the following would have to be determined: term codes, who is considered a transfer student, and determining students' educational experiences. Dr. Dantzker will e-mail the draft to STCIR members who will then **return the list by August 15th**. Dr. Orser suggested using the Coordinating Board's standard (Fall = 1, Spring = 2, and Summer = 3) for term codes. He also stated that he would like to track students past the first 1-2 semesters after transferring from a four-year institution to a two-year.

Concerns included cumulative GPAs, which might be difficult to calculate for transferring students, and if there would be a centralized database, who would be responsible for updating it, and who will share data. Dr. Dantzker suggested that each institution manage its own database. Mr. Tipton suggested that institutions send a list (once per semester) of missing

students and the receiving institution could track them for a certain amount of semesters. The receiving institution will return all courses and course grades on a one-on-one basis for the students requested.

Review of TAIR Professional Development: Ms. Gillispie reviewed the new SACS criteria for accreditation/reaffirmation discussed at the TAIR meeting in Houston earlier in the month. She distributed an overview of the workshop to the group.

Model for Identifying “Near” Graduates: Ms. Cole stated that the purpose of the model is to identify students who are nearing graduation, including those who have qualified for an award in something other than their declared major. The results can be used by Chairs to contact potential graduates. Mr. Gomez discussed the model, pointing out identifying characteristics of potential graduates.

Disaster Recovery: Discussion was held concerning plans for disaster recovery. Mr. Tipton suggested testing back-ups and developing evacuation and return plans. Mr. Andrus suggested rotating back-ups in on-campus and off-campus vaults. Both Mr. Tipton and Ms. Valdez informed the group that their departments are going paperless.

Elections: Dr. Susan Griffith from the University of Texas – Pan American was elected President and Ms. Garcia from South Texas Community College was elected Secretary.

Sharing Items of Interest: Mr. Andrus passed around a copy of the Del Mar College Fact Book and a DMC Credit Rating Presentation concerning a bond that had passed. Dr. Dantzker distributed a handout entitled “Gail’s Hypotheses About Outcomes, Time and Resources”.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in September 2003 at Coastal Bend College.