

Restructuring Update

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SCHEV staff met with institutional IPS coordinators last Tuesday, February 19. We reviewed the certification elements for 2008 and the progress on new measures which are due this summer.

The Council will certify institutions at its May 13, 2008 meeting. The certification last year was based on 'progress' institutions were making toward their 2006-07 targets. This year, the 2006-07 targets will be evaluated against actual 2006-07 data. Institutional targets are available at <http://research.schev.edu/ips/review/final.asp>. An institution must meet the 'threshold' value in order to 'pass' a measure. Most institutions have submitted data to evaluate most of the measures. We are in the process of doing our review which should be completed in March. Institutions should be able to complete their own evaluation of the measures.

The following IPS measures will be used for 2008 certification:

1. Institution meets 95% of its in-state enrollment targets
2. Enrollment of under-represented populations
3. Institution meets 95% of its projected degree awards
- 5.1 Average need-based borrowing
- 5.2 Percentage of need-based borrowing
7. Degrees conferred in high-need areas
8. Programs reviewed under the criteria of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
10. Degrees conferred per full-time faculty
11. Average progression and retention rates
12. Undergraduate degree awards per FTE enrollment
13. Increased number of transfer agreements
14. Increase in degree-qualified transfers (four-year)
15. Dual enrollment of high school students (RBC and VCCS)
16. Institutional commitment to economic development (survey)
17. Research expenditures (three-year average)
18. Patents and licenses (three-year average)
19. Enhanced participation and cooperation in K12 (survey)

We have 2006-07 data for most of the measures. SCHEV is working with institutional IR staff for additional data needed for measures 10, 17, and 18.

The K12 survey (measure 19) has been completed and ready for K12 partners. The survey has been reviewed by institutional staff and will be sent to the partners that were identified to SCHEV. A sample copy of the survey can be found at:
http://research.schev.edu/teal2/survey_review.asp?Survey=9.

A draft of the economic development survey (measure 16) was shared with IPS Coordinators and discussed at last Tuesday's meeting. This survey is very similar to the K12 survey. SCHEV has been working through the IPS Coordinators on the review of this survey. The IPS Coordinators are expected to provide the contact list for this survey. The K12 and economic development surveys are web-based.

Two of the measures (8 and 13) will require a statement from the institution. SCHEV will need a statement on current SACS program reviews for measure 8. Institutional progress in meeting measure 13 – increased number of transfer agreements – should refer to the institution’s commitment as outlined in the institution’s 2006 IPS response. A summary of these responses for each institution can be found at: http://research.schev.edu/ips/review/institutional_ips.asp.

SCHEV is continuing to work on the following four measures:

- 4. Affordability
- 6. Institution conducts biennial assessment of tuition and fee levels
- 9. Access to lower division courses
- 20. Crime Commission ‘Best Practices’ – HJR 122 Final Report: Study on Campus Safety – HD36 (2006)
(<http://leg2.state.va.us/DLS/h&sdocs.nsf/5c7ff392dd0ce64d85256ec400674ecb/73ad77f47d57f1e085256fb400624efc?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,crime>)

These measures will not be used for 2008 certification. Proposals for the first three measures – 4, 6, and 9 – were discussed at last week’s meeting. A working group of institutional representatives is reviewing the proposals and, if necessary, will develop an alternate proposal.

SCHEV has developed educational costs, aid, and income displays based on institutional financial aid data. The displays were shared with the IPS Coordinators. Draft displays can be viewed at: http://research.schev.edu/ips/affordability_1.ASP.

SCHEV will collect information on the campus safety and security measure (measure 20) this spring. Our plan is to list the 27 ‘best practices’ outlined in the *HJR 122 Final Report: Study on Campus Safety* (HD36, 2006, <http://leg2.state.va.us/DLS/h&sdocs.nsf/5c7ff392dd0ce64d85256ec400674ecb/73ad77f47d57f1e085256fb400624efc?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,crime>). For each ‘best practice’ we will ask institutions to identify:

- Does the ‘practice’ apply to your institution?
- If it does,
 - Has it been implemented?
 - If not, when do you plan to implement?

This information will be used to certify institutions in 2009.

The Deputy Secretary of Finance, Manju Ganeriwala, is coordinating evaluation of the financial and administrative measures (goal 11). She has been communicating with the institutions with regard to data she may need.