From the Executive Producer….

We here at the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE) hope you are enjoying your summer! We’ve been busy filling our vacant positions and have another new staff member: Keith Woodell. Keith is our Junior Systems Analyst and has been working under the tutelage of Jeff Finch, our Senior Systems Analyst. When you see Keith, please welcome him to our university!

We are also busy preparing for a new venture this fall: the CSRDE/ACT Collaborative Project. In January 2012, ACT sent out a call to institutions participating in the Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE). As many of you know, ACT, once known as the American College Testing Program, Inc., is best known for its testing program: the ACT Assessment.

There are several study aims, including: 1) identifying pre-college factors collected by The ACT, as well as high school characteristics that are associated with students making reasonable progress towards completion of an academic program; 2) detecting factors that reduce gaps in college success between underrepresented minority and low-income students and other students; 3) distinguishing early school student characteristics (achievement and non-academic factors) that could be used with ACT information to identify students’ likely success in college; and 4) discovering college enrollment-related factors (e.g., institutional fit variables, career fit, full-time/part-time enrollment) associated with progress towards completion of an academic program.

Keep an eye out in future NOIRE editions for updates and results of this study! In the meantime, if you have questions about this endeavor, please give me a call.

One of the outcomes of last year’s strategic planning process has been to more actively engage with our customers. This outreach has afforded a variety of CU Denver’s business and academic units an opportunity to learn more about what OIRE does, the services it provides, and the information and analyses offered. Please let me know if you would like us to meet with your unit or group to discuss OIRE’s offerings.

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Calendar of Events

"Now Showing":

The Common Data Set (CDS) for the 2011-2012 year is now published on our website!

"Coming Attractions":

Spring end-of-term and Summer census enrollment reports will be available this week (approximately June 27th) in the Report Library for Denver and the Anschutz Medical Campuses.

A new website portal application to help Schools and Colleges track and monitor Faculty Workload will be published by the end of the Summer. If you’re interested in volunteering to become an advanced release beta tester, please contact Jeff Finch for more information.

The OIRE User Portal is being revamped to allow users to log in with their network login name and password. No more trying to remember a separate login for the OIRE User Portal. (That’s one less thing to worry about!)
Reminder: Requesting Data from OIRE

The goal of the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE) is to provide you with timely, accurate, and clearly presented information.

To quickly and efficiently submit a request to OIRE, please use our online Data Request Form. This allows your request not only to be received by our automated tracking system, but also directly emails to one of our Research Coordinators for processing. (Tip: To make future requests even easier to submit, apply for a User Account, which will then allow the Data Request form to be pre-filled with your name and contact information.)

In order to ensure that we meet your needs for the requested data, it is important that we receive your request two to four weeks in advance of the date you require the information. Please be assured that we will work with you when emergency requests arise; however, so that all customers enjoy the same level of service and to ensure projects/requests are appropriately prioritized, it is important that we know of your needs as far in advance as possible. Also, keep in mind that the online Report Library is an excellent resource for information.

If you would like us to demonstrate any aspects of our website, please let us know! We are happy to come to your unit and provide a demo and answer questions.

Data Request Form  ■ Main Phone: 303-315-2840  ■ IR Email: IR@UCDenver.edu

Newsreel: Common Data Set 2011-2012 Now Available

The Common Data Set (CDS) for the 2011-2012 year is now published on our website!

The CDS is a collaborative effort aimed at improving the quality and consistency of information reported by colleges and universities found in guidebooks, publications, and other media purposes. Data from CU Denver’s CDS is also used in public accountability efforts such as the Voluntary System of Accountability’s College Portrait (VSA).

The audience that the CDS is intended for can vary but usually attempts to focus on individuals that are making their transition into higher education and anyone attempting to help with this transition. The CDS can serve as an accurate and timely data resource to these students and helps them acquire information about potential institutions they may want to attend.

The structure for the CDS is split into several parts which include general campus information, enrollment and persistence rates, admissions data (freshmen & transfers), degrees awarded, instructional faculty and class size, and financial aid data for the previous and current award year.

If you would like additional information regarding the CDS, please contact Hailey Winn at 303-315-2840.
**Staff Spotlight**

Hi! I'm Keith Alexander Woodell. I'm the new Junior Systems Analyst with OIRE. I specialize in databases, websites, and system administration. I will be working with the staff to create, modify, and maintain data structures and data storage solutions to help create OIRE reports and reporting solutions. I will also be creating web applications on the OIRE website as well as working with other specialized reporting tools.

I was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico and try to visit there as often as I can. An EPA report was recently released stating that Santa Fe and Albuquerque are two of the cleanest cities in the US in terms of air pollution -- a fact that makes me proud to have lived there most of my life.

I received both a BA and an MA from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. For the most part I studied languages (both human and computer varieties!) including Latin, Ancient Greek, Spanish, German, and Sanskrit. In addition, as part of several computer science classes and a job as an Assistant Data Manager at a conservation non-profit called Natural Heritage New Mexico, I studied C++, Java, PHP, Basic, Scheme, Perl, and Python. Evidently I just have a brain for words and grammar! During my time as a student, I also taught Latin and Greek Mythology. One of my proudest projects was the creation of an online Latin dictionary. I'm proud that I found the time and means to integrate my technology enthusiasm with the ancient world.

I am new to the Denver area and so far I am really enjoying the city! I like to try out new restaurants; play trivia, bowl, practice yoga, visit the gym daily, and watch softball and rugby (maybe even play soon!). I also have a hankering to play the newly released video game “Diablo III” but I'll have to find the time first. I have one pet project: Being a recent transplant from the Albuquerque area, I've been on a quest to find the best green chile (but sometimes it's really just chili) in the city. Illegal Pete's and the Krameria Cafe are the best so far!

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**Customer Survey / Website Feedback**

We are approaching the end of the fiscal year and would like to remind you about our customer satisfaction survey. If you’ve had an opportunity to interact with our office, we would very much appreciate your evaluation of our performance. As always, customer feedback results are available at all times and you can provide us with feedback anytime!

If there is anything that you would like to discuss in person, please do not hesitate to contact OIRE's Assistant Vice Chancellor, Dr. Christine Stroup-Benham at 303-315-2835.

Yet another way to provide feedback! Many of the pages on the OIRE website have a link to a feedback form on which you can provide immediate comments/suggestions for a specific web page. This form is completely anonymous; however, you can choose to provide your name if you'd like to be contacted regarding the feedback you submit.

Thank you for taking the time to help us improve our office and our service to you – our customers!