From the Director’s Chair....

Believe or not, it’s already March of the Spring 2012 semester! As mentioned in the last NOIR edition, the office has incorporated new areas of responsibility, including strategic planning support and institutional survey consultation. The name of the office has changed to reflect the increased breadth of responsibility and services offered. We are now the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE). As you may have noticed, we’ve modified the name of this publication to reflect this as well: rather than NOIR, it is now NOIRE.

You may have already noticed the new masthead on our website that now displays the new office name. Completely updating the website will take a bit more time, but please be assured that we will be doing so!

With this new expanded scope, the staff titles within OIRE have changed, as well:
  Dr. Christine Stroup-Benham is now the Assistant Vice Chancellor
  David Deffenbacher is now the Director
  Paula Dickson is now the Associate Director
  Mindy Baker has stepped up into the role of Senior Research Coordinator

In addition, we are pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members:
  Amanda Spears has joined us in the role of Research Coordinator and
  Hailey Winn is joining us in the role of Coordinator.

These are, indeed, exciting times for us in OIRE! Please read on to learn more!

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Calendar of Events

2/25/2012: Fall end-of-term and Spring census enrollment reports available in the Report Library for Denver and the Anschutz Medical Campuses.

"Now Showing": OIRE’s new (FY12) strategic plan has been posted to the OIRE website. See what we’ve been working on over the last several months, where we hope to go during the remaining of the fiscal year, and let us know what you think!

The 2010 Clery Crime Reports (published retrospectively for the prior fiscal year) for the Denver and AMC campuses are now available on our website. For additional information about Clery Crime reporting requirements please visit The Security on Campus website.

"Coming Attractions": A new website portal application to help Schools and Colleges track and monitor Faculty Workload will be published by the end of the fiscal year. 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 login 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 Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE) strives to provide you with timely, accurate, and clearly presented information.

To quickly and efficiently submit a request to OIRE, please use our Data Request Form. This allows your request not only to be received by our automated tracking system, but also directly emails 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 projects/requests are prioritized appropriately, 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.

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

FAQ: Why is the Data Request Form so picky about what I can enter in my request?

VERY good question! In an effort to minimize any security risks by hackers and automated malware, the form has been locked down by preventing users typing characters other than numbers, letters and a limited set of special symbols (like hyphens, periods, spaces, question marks and commas). So, if disallowed characters (like hard returns, parentheses, etc.) are typed into the form, you'll get an error message reminding you of this limitation.

Some Good News! We're in the process of working with the IT Services Security Gurus to allow us to maintain the website security, while allowing users greater flexibility in how they enter their requests.

Stay tuned!

Staff Spotlight

Hello, my name is Amanda Spears, and I am the newest Research Coordinator in OIRE! I am only in the middle of my second week here and I already love it. My previous IR experience was gained at Arapahoe Community College where I was part of a two person IR office. I will be helping Mindy and Paula with student data requests that come in. I know it may take a little while to get fully up to speed, but I am happy to help and eager to learn.

When not in the office I am cooking, hiking, teaching sociology, and playing with my baby girl, who just figured out how to crawl.

Customer Survey / Website Feedback

Regardless of our unit’s name, we will continue to solicit your input! 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 x52835.

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.