From the Executive Producer…

It's hard to believe that it's already summer and the Fall semester is fast approaching! While some may see the summer as “low season” for academia, that doesn't seem to be the case here! As with many other units across the Denver and Anschutz Medical Campuses, OIRE's summertime activities are in full-swing. In this newsletter, we describe just some of them.

The university’s Office of Information Technology recently purchased an institutional site license for Qualtrics. Qualtrics is a survey software with many sophisticated options and functionality. I was asked to head up a Qualtrics User Group… the charge of that group is still being developed. The inaugural meeting of the group was held June 17, 2015. If you are interested in joining it, please contact me.

Location approvals – don’t forget that when new locations are needed for courses/programs, the location must be vetted through an internal approval process before students can attend class. To begin this process, submit your location approvals by using the online Location Request Form.

OIRE also has a new family member! Hailey DeMarr and her husband had a baby boy on June 13th! His name is Knox Wayne DeMarr. Hailey will be on maternity leave through September 8, 2015. When you see Hailey, be sure and congratulate her! And, rest assured, any recurring requests you may have with Hailey are being covered by other OIRE staff members. If you have any concerns about yours, don’t hesitate to call 303-315-2840.

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Calendar of Events

- 6/19/2015  Anschutz Summer Census of Term Enrollment Reports published to web
- 6/26/2015  Denver Summer Census of Term Enrollment Reports published to web
- 7/20/2015  OIRE Quarterly Strategic Planning meeting
- 7/30/2015  Next NSSE Team meeting
- 9/02/2015  Fall IPEDS (Institutional Characteristics; Completions; 12-month Enrollment) opens – due October 14, 2015
- 9/11/2015  Denver Fall Census Enrollment Reports published to web
- 9/15/2015  Anschutz Fall Census Enrollment Reports published to web
- 10/23/2015  Next Survey Working Group (SWG) meeting (will be held on Denver Campus)
- 10/30/2015  Next Institutional Research Advisory Group (IRAG) meeting (AMC)

"Now Showing": The OIRE Survey website is an excellent resource for anyone who is planning to or currently administering surveys.

"Coming Attractions":

We will be administering the National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE) to our Denver Campus first-year and senior students in 2016. Stay tuned for more information and how you can support this important endeavor!
Requesting Data from OIRE

To quickly and efficiently submit a request to OIRE, please use our online Data Request Form or call or email us:

- Main Phone: 303-315-2840
- IR Email: IR@UCDenver.edu

To ensure that we meet your needs, it is important that we receive your request two to four weeks in advance of the date you require the information. Keep in mind that the online Report Library is an excellent resource for information.

Newsreel: AIR (Association for Institutional Research) Form

This year Dave Deffenbacher and Keeley Sadlak attended the AIR annual conference hosted here in Denver. The forum is the world’s largest gathering of higher-education professionals in institutional research.

The four-day conference included more than 450 presentations by colleagues representing all sectors of higher education. The exhibitions featured all of the latest tools and resources to support data use for decision making. This was a great opportunity for networking and learning best practices in institutional research. Some of the attended sessions included: high impact practices, campus data governance, dashboard and interactive visualization design, managing survey fatigue, NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) learning/engagement items as predictors of retention and graduation, and strategies for collecting post-graduation outcomes.

The conference was extremely informative and we are looking forward to applying what we learned to our projects.

FAQ: Does IR submit employee data to outside agencies?

IR submits a number of employee-related reports/surveys to outside agencies. For example, we collect data for two surveys for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey involves the monthly collection, processing, and dissemination of job openings and labor turnover data. The data include employment, job openings, hires, quits, layoffs and discharges, and other separations. The national number of unfilled jobs is used to calculate the job openings rate and is an important measure of the unmet demand for labor. With that statistic it is possible to paint a more complete picture of the U.S. labor market than by looking solely at the unemployment rate, a measure of the excess supply of labor.

The quarterly National Compensation Survey (NCS) is a BLS establishment survey of employee salaries, wages and benefits. The survey produces the Employment Cost Index as well as the Employment Cost for Employee Compensation along with employee benefits incidence and provision data.

Project Spotlight: New Approval Process

Be on the lookout for a new and improved academic structure change process!!!

OIRE is currently in talks with the Registrar’s Office to provide a better and more efficient process for units to request plan/sub-plan/certificate additions/changes and subject code requests. The new process will allow us to track these through the approval process from start to finish.

The idea behind the new approval process, including any and all academic structure change requests, is an electronic submission through an automated system that will then trigger all approval and workflow aspects of the process for the particular type of request submitted.

It is our hope to begin development of the enhanced approval process this fall but until then, all requests may be submitted using these forms:

- Plan/Subplan Request Form
- Subject Code Request Form