From the Executive Producer….

OIRE is so very pleased to announce that we have two new staff members! Becky Bui is one of our new Research Coordinators and will be working on, among other things, the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement), institutional surveys, and some assessment projects. Our other new Research Coordinator is Ian Jutsum and he has taken the lead in completing the institutional guide books and fielding a variety of ad hoc requests. If you’re in the neighborhood of the LSC 10th floor or see them in a meeting, be sure and welcome them!

Now that we have some additional staff resources for survey projects, I’d like to take a moment to discuss OIRE’s role in surveys and survey “support.” While we would like to provide support for developing, creating, administering, and analyzing surveys/assessments to all who desire such assistance, we simply do not have the capacity to do so. Our focus is on institutional surveys (like the NSSE, some alumni surveys, some advising surveys). Here’s our strategy for determining whether or not we’re able to support your survey endeavors: if other units approached us for similar support, would the office be able to effectively provide it, in addition to the services we already provide? If the answer is no, then it is unlikely that we will be able to assist you. So, for example, if you’ve received grant funding to perform assessment surveys and the like, OIRE would not be the unit to assist you (unless you made arrangements with OIRE leadership prior to submitting your grant proposal). If you are uncertain whether or not a survey you’re planning is considered “in scope”, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss it.

Cut and print…

Christine A. Stroup-Benham, Ph.D.
US News & World Report and Rankings

Here at the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, we have noticed many of the University leaders, professors and even students are paying increasingly more attention to the rankings and profiles that are published by U.S. News and World Report. We’ve recently done an investigation to better understand and improve CU Denver’s profiles and rankings. U.S. News and World Report sends out several large statistical surveys each year in order to rank our institution and some of our larger programs and schools and colleges. OIRE collaborates with the school/college and the University Communications team to complete these surveys on behalf of the institution.

In addition to the statistical surveys, U.S. News will rank specialties based on Peer Assessment surveys. This means that professors and department heads associated with these specialty programs at institutions across the country will receive a survey regarding their program. Not only will they be asked questions about their own institution’s program and faculty, but they’ll be asked about programs offered by peer institutions. This means that it’s very important for us to network with other institutions and keep a positive reputation with our peers.

If you are interested in the current rankings for a particular school/college or specialty program, please contact us and we’d be happy to talk about it with you. If your program isn’t currently ranked, let us know! We’d be interested to look into the U.S. News methodology for ranking your program and find ways to help get CU Denver’s programs recognized!

To see our rankings and profiles published by U.S. News and World Report, visit these websites:

Faculty Report of Professional Activities (FRPA) - Denver Campus

While the eFRPA website is open year-round for faculty to enter and edit their FRPA activities, the CU-SIS and InfoEd data for CY 2016 are scheduled to be imported in early November - one month earlier than last year. An announcement will be sent to all faculty and school/college leadership by November 1st once end-of-term data for Spring/Summer 2016, and term-to-date data for Fall 2016 are loaded.

Important Note: The data loading systems are being modified, and all CU-SIS, InfoEd and PeopleSoft HR data will now be loaded on a weekly basis, each Sunday evening.

A major enhancement scheduled to be published in November is that Section 2B ("Individual Student Instruction") will now be pre-populated from CU-SIS information!

Annual Campus Security Report Now Available

In compliance with The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), CU Denver’s annual campus security report can now be found on our website. The Clery Act requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses. If you would like additional information regarding the Clery Act, please visit The Security on Campus website or contact Mindy Baker at 303-315-2839.

New OIRE Staff: Becky Bui

Hi, my name is Becky Bui and I am brand new to the field of Institutional Research and the University of Colorado community. Previously, I lived in Chicago and worked at Northwestern University where I also obtained my MS in predictive analytics. I love working with data and building stories from numbers, so I am looking forward to working with the OIRE team and the CU community to create these stories.

Outside of the office, I am crafting or exploring the local area and taking in the beautiful landscapes.