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Re: TRANSFER COLLEGE DATA
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Sheryl:

Following up on our discussion concerning transfer colleges, I reviewed the materials that the Office of Research has on file, and here are my observations.

BACKGROUND

The Office of Research only has transfer information on the following institutions, and the completeness of each institution's reports varies greatly. Some of the reports come on a regular basis, others can only be received if somebody from Harper College attends specific institutions' meetings, and others arrive on an apparently irregular basis. It is possible that other reports may have arrived here, but they have been misplaced, lost, or misfiled.

I was able to find some *relatively* complete information on the institutions listed below. It is possible that we could get additional information and/or reports from these institutions if we were to contact their enrollment services departments directly – or we may already be receiving the information, but I could not locate it at the Office of Research.

It is also possible that other institutions do prepare similar reports, but I am uncertain whether we have ever approached other colleges/universities to determine whether they have additional data.

Please be aware that few institutions identify students by Social Security numbers any longer. A few do name specific students, but this policy varies by institution. I have annotated which reports do include discrete SSNs and/or student names. I would imagine that all institutions will phase out using SSNs within the near future.

COLLEGES ON FILE

- Illinois State University (ISU)
- University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS)
- Northern Illinois University (NIU)
- Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)
- Eastern Illinois University (EIU)
- Western Illinois University (WIU)
- University of Illinois System (Includes UIC, UIUC, and UIS)

In addition, I found a few "scraps" that indicated we had once received some reports from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and Carbondale [not analyzed in this report] plus a few one-shot reports from other institutions (for example, Chicago State University, Elmhurst College, Bradley University, DeVry, Northern Michigan University, and several others).

<u>Illinois State University</u>

ISU sends Harper College several reports after the end of the fall and spring terms. They are customized to focus on individual students who transferred from Harper College, and they do not include details on specific students from other feeder institutions. We seem to be getting ISU reports on a consistent basis.

What We Get from ISU

Data they send us includes:

- By specific student from Harper
    - Class (Freshman, Senior, etc.)
    - Term Admitted
    - Sex
    - Major
    - Semester GPA
    - Cumulative GPA
    - (The student's name or other identifier is not made available)
- An aggregate comparison of overall academic status (Good Standing, Probation, and Suspension) for Harper College, All Community Colleges, 4-Year Institutions, and Native ISU students.
- Mean aggregate GPAs and aggregate headcounts by academic department (Accounting, English, Physics, etc.). Harper's overall performance is compared to all community colleges, 4-year institutions, and native students.

What We Can Prepare

I have already begun to prepare a report that analyzes…

- Grade Point Averages: How many of our graduates have a semester and/or cumulative GPA above 2.0.
- A breakdown of students by major
- Further breakdown of the proportion of students who are in good standing as compared to other groups (community colleges, etc.)
- A comparison of our students' GPAs by department to document where we are doing particularly better or worse than other community colleges.

<u>University of Illinois at Chicago</u>

UIC prepares several detailed reports each year, but they are only made available to institutions that participate at periodic meetings on the UIC campus. The reports are customized to focus on individual students who transferred from Harper College, but they do not include details on specific students from other feeder institutions. We have the most current 2006 reports.

What We Get from UIC

Data they provide includes:

- By specific student from Harper
    - UIC College (LAS, Engineering, etc.)
    - Student Name and Address
    - Birth Date
    - Major
    - Class
    - Student Type (Continuing, 1st Time Grad, Transfer)
    - UIC Cumulative GPA and Hours
    - Transfer Cumulative GPA and Hours
    - Total Cumulative GPA and Hours

- o Also offers a total count of students and average GPA
- By specific student from Harper who received an undergraduate degree in the last year
    - o UIC College (LAS, Engineering, etc.)
    - o Student Name and Address
    - o SSN
    - o Curriculum/Major
    - o Class
    - o UIC Cumulative GPA and Hours
    - o Transfer Cumulative GPA and Hours
    - o Total Cumulative GPA and Hours
    - o Degree Granted (BS, BA, BFA, etc.) and Date
- Status of transfer applicants from Harper (Some of the reports were not complete)
    - o Student Name, Address, and Phone
    - o Decision (Admit-Active, Pending, Denied)
    - o Major
    - o Race
    - o Transfer Cumulative GPA and Hours

What We Can Prepare

- Grade Point Averages: How many of our graduates have a cumulative UIC GPA above 2.0.
- A breakdown of students by major and/or college
- An analysis of Harper students who got a bachelor's degree by major and college.
- An analysis of students accepted [or rejected] for transfer and comparison to their Harper GPAs and/or hours.
- Analysis of Harper transfer students who received a bachelor's degree by date and (by use of Regent) the amount of time they spent at Harper vs. the time they spent at UIC until they received a bachelor's degree.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

UIUC prepares several reports each year that track the progress of Harper College transferees at UIUC. The reports are customized to focus on individual students who transferred from Harper College, but they do not include details on specific students from other feeder institutions. Although we have a few of the most current reports, our files are incomplete for the entire group of reports UIUC creates, and there are significant gaps in our collection.

What We Get from UIUC

Data they provide includes the following.

NOTE: UIUC reports seem to be one year late. A report dated June 2006 has Fall 2004 totals.

- Summary report of Harper transfers into UIUC who have completed their first semester
    - o Does not include any student-specific information
    - o Number of students enrolled
    - o Mean transfer GPA
    - o GPA and number of hours by academic department (Psychology, History, etc.)
    - o Number of students by academic status
        - ▪ Clear
        - ▪ Drop
        - ▪ Probation
        - ▪ Withdrawn
        - ▪ Undetermined
        - ▪ Graduated
    - o Totals and averages
    - o These figures are compared to a summary of all public community college transfers, all other transfers, and UIUC native students

- A list of Harper students who transferred into UIUC as of the end of their first Fall semester.
  - Student name
  - College (Business, Education, etc)
  - Major
  - No ID number, nor any other personal information.
- An analysis of Harper transfer students as of three years after the cohort entered UIUC {For instance, Students who entered in Fall, 2001's status a the end of Summer, 2004.
  - Number of students
  - Mean Transfer GPA
  - Number with bachelors degree and mean cumulative UIUC GPA
  - Same for students still enrolled, and no longer enrolled
  - These figures are compared to a summary of all public community college transfers, all other transfers, and UIUC native students
- A list of Harper students who transferred into UIUC from three years ago.
  - Student name
  - No ID number, nor any other personal information.
  - College (Business, Education, etc)
  - Year graduated or last year enrolled
  - Final term (Spring, Fall, Summer)
  - Status (Graduated, no longer enrolled, enrolled)

What We Can Prepare

- A breakdown of students by major and/or college
- An analysis of Harper students who got a bachelor's degree by major and college.
- Analysis of Harper transfer students who received a bachelor's degree by date and (by use of Regent) the amount of time they spent at Harper vs. the time they spent at UIC until they received a bachelor's degree.
- Further breakdown of the proportion of students who are in good standing as compared to other groups (community colleges, etc.)
- A comparison of our students' GPAs by department to document where we are doing particularly better or worse than other community colleges.

Additional Reports

UIUC has created a ten-year student characteristics rollup by feeder institution. We are not certain whether they continue to prepare this report.

University of Illinois at Springfield

UIS has prepared several reports each year that track the progress of Harper College transferees at UIS. The reports are customized to focus on individual students who transferred from Harper College, but they do not include details on specific students from other feeder institutions. We have not received any UIS reports since 2001.

What We Get from UIS

Data they provide includes:

- By specific student from Harper
  - Student Name
  - SSN
  - Major
  - Term Admitted
  - Sex
  - Harper Degree
  - Harper GPA, Hours Earned, Hours Accepted by UIS

- o Hours Enrolled And Earned At UIS This Semester
- o Cumulative GPA and Hours Earned at UIS
- o Degree Awarded
- An aggregate comparison of overall academic status (Good Standing, Probation, and Suspension) for Harper College, All Community Colleges, and all other students.
- Mean aggregate GPAs and aggregate headcounts by academic department (Accounting, English, Physics, etc.). Harper's overall performance is compared to all community colleges, and all other students.

What We Can Prepare

- Grade Point Averages: How many of our graduates have a semester and/or cumulative GPA above 2.0.
- A breakdown of students by major
- Further breakdown of the proportion of students who are in good standing as compared to other groups (community colleges, etc.)
- A comparison of our students' GPAs by department to document where we are doing particularly better or worse than other community colleges.

Northern Illinois University

NIU sends Harper College several reports after the end of the summer, fall, and spring terms. A few are customized to focus on individual students who transferred from Harper, while others only focus on aggregate totals. They include no information on specific students from other feeder institutions. We have current 2006 materials from them.

What We Get from NIU

Data they send us includes:

- GPA Report by Specific Student from Harper
    - o Student Name
    - o Cumulative NIU GPA and Credit Hours
    - o Class at End of Term
    - o Summary by year and mean cumulative NIU GPA
- Enrollment Report by Specific Student from Harper
    - o Student Name
    - o First Date of NIU Enrollment
    - o Entry Class
    - o Major
    - o Hours Transferred to NIU
    - o Totals of the number of new transfers, the number previously enrolled, and the total number of transfer students attending NIU.
    - o NOTE: It is possible that we could manually join the information gleaned from this report into the GPA Report
- By specific student from Harper who received an undergraduate degree in the last term
    - o Student Name
    - o Major
    - o Degree (BA, BS, etc.)
    - o Graduation Date
- Aggregate totals of Harper students who received undergraduate degrees in the last term.
    - o Major (Management, PE, Biological Science, etc.)
    - o Number of Students Graduating (Male, Female, Total)
    - o Number of Students Graduating with Honors (Male, Female, Total)
    - o Mean Cumulative NIU GPA
    - o Each of these is cross-tabbed by the type of Bachelor's degree (BA, BS, BFA, etc. and Total)

- A summary report on all students who transferred from Harper College by class (Freshman, Junior, etc.) including number of students and average cumulative NIU GPA. These are compared to reports by class for:
    - o All Illinois Public Community College transfer students
    - o All other transfer students
    - o All native (NIU) undergraduates
    - o All undergraduates.

What We Can Prepare

- Grade Point Averages: How many of our graduates have a cumulative NIU GPA above 2.0.
- A breakdown of students by major including NIU cumulative GPAs and NIU credit hours. (This might require a fair amount of manual effort, but it is do-able.)
- Analysis of Harper transfer students who received a bachelor's degree at NIU including average NIU GPAs by major, number of graduates by major, and number of honors graduates.
- Analysis of Harper transfer students who received a bachelor's degree by date and (by use of Regent) the amount of time they spent at Harper vs. the time they spent at NIU until they received a bachelor's degree.
- How transfer students from Harper College compare to those from other types of institutions.

Northeastern Illinois University

NEIU has sent Harper College only one report. It is an analysis of Harper College students who applied to NEIU for the fall semester. They include no information on specific students from other feeder institutions. Although NEIU's reports have arrived sporadically, we do have a fall 2006 report.

What We Get from NEIU

Data they send us includes:

- Report of Harper Students Applying for Admission by Term
    - o Student Name and Phone Number
    - o Decision (Full Acceptance, Denied, Admission Closed)
    - o Decision Date
    - o Admission Type (Transfer-General, several others)
    - o Enrollment Hours (Unclear what this means, 50% missing)
    - o Intended Major

What We Can Prepare

- An analysis of students accepted [or rejected] for transfer and comparison to their Harper GPAs and/or hours (This would require some lookups on our part).
- Acceptance patterns by application date.
- Breakdown of applicants by intended major.

Eastern Illinois University

EIU sends Harper College two reports after the end of the fall and spring terms. They are customized to focus on individual first-time transfer students from Harper College, and they do not include any details on specific students from other feeder institutions.

EIU also produces a number of additional reports which I could not find on file.

What We Get from EIU

Data they send us includes:

- By specific student from Harper (only first-time transfer students). [10th day report] There are separate runs for students with 30+ and <30 credit hours.
  - Student Name
  - Major
  - Hours Earned at Harper
  - Community College degree, if any (AA, etc.)
  - Race
  - Student Age
  - A statistical breakdown (mean, standard deviation, min/max) by credit hours and by student age.
- "FREQ Procedure" Summary Report (only first-time transfer students). There are separate runs for students with 30+ and <30 credit hours.
  - Major
  - Number of Harper students enrolled in major
  - Breakdown of transfer students by degree earned, if any
  - Number of Harper students by race

What We Can Prepare

Since the EIU reports are mainly summary reports, most of the data is already tabulated; however we could prepare:

- Analysis of first time transfer students by EIU major, and number of credit hours entering EIU
- Cross-tabulations of the above by race or age

Additional Reports

EIU's transfer coordinator (Rita Pearson) has advised me that they also prepare a number of additional reports, none of which I was able to find on file. Since I could not view these reports, I am not certain what they include, and what we could prepare from them.

The reports include the following information on transfer students from Harper College:

- Additional reports like the two reports we have on file, but with information presented and totaled in different ways.
- A Five-Year Aggregate Report which is distributed to attendees at the EIU annual articulation meeting, or can be obtained upon direct request to their transfer coordinator. It was first published a year ago, and they are tentatively planning to prepare it annually. This is an aggregate report, and it does not include information on specific students.
- Their Institutional Studies department also prepares other reports on transfer students which we could receive upon request.
- Their Records Department also produces some additional college transfer reports.

I also found two old (2001) EIU reports on file.

- One lists students (without their names or SSNs) by horizontal line. Detail includes major, degree, transfer hours, and total hours.
- An aggregate comparison of overall academic status (Good Standing, Probation, and Suspension) for Harper College, All Community Colleges, 4-Year Institutions, and Native EIU students.

Western Illinois University

WIU sends Harper College a simple list of former Harper students who are currently enrolled there for fall and spring. WIU's Transfer Coordinator told me they do have additional reports, but I could not locate them in our files. We do not have a complete set of reports, and our archives are inconsistent.

It also prepares a separate "WARD" (Western's Audit of Requirements for Degrees) that evaluates Harper students enrolled in their dual admission program. (I am not discussing this report here since it is not really comparable to other transfer student documents.)

What We Get from WIU

Data they send us [that I could find] is limited to:

- By specific student from Harper
    - Matriculation date
    - Student name and campus address
    - Major

What We Can Prepare:

The dearth of useful information in this report suggests there is little we can do with this other than count the number of students by major.

Additional Reports

Their transfer coordinator (Joan McEneany) has informed me they have at least two additional reports which are distributed at their articulation meetings. Since I could not view these reports, I am not certain what they include, and what we could prepare from them.

The reports address the following information on transfer students from Harper College:

- A report of cumulative enrollment by matriculation year, name of student, and major.
- A cumulative GPA report by academic department (not major) – apparently identical to the ISU report.

University of Illinois System

In addition to the UIC, UIUC, and UIS reports discussed above, the University of Illinois <u>System</u> sends Harper College a set of summary data arranged by University of Illinois campus. It appears that we have received this data over irregular periods, unless the data is misfiled or lost. There does not seem to be any information broken down by feeder institution, such as Harper College. The last set of reports I found was published in June, 2005.

What We Get from UI System

Materials prepared by the UI System typically differ from the materials furnished by the specific campus. The reports include a robust set of summary reports for each UI campus. Details by student are not furnished; but they do offer some line-item details by feeder institution, such as Harper College.

- Statistics on Transfer Students by University of Illinois Campus (UIC, UIUC, UIS)
    - By campus
    - Number of students
    - Breakdowns by
        - UI campus college (UIC Engineering, UIC LAS, etc.)
        - Race
        - Age bracket and gender
        - Pre-transfer GPA ranges
        - Hours enrolled at this campus (in ranges)
    - For comparison with other institutions, there are totals by
        - Feeder institution (such as Harper)
        - Illinois public community colleges
        - Private two-year non public colleges

- Out of state two-year colleges
- Illinois public universities
- Illinois non-public four-year institutions
- Out of state four-year institutions
- Other, not available

What We Can Prepare:

This report is a summary statistics report, and all data has already been "crunched." We can conduct an analysis of Harper's transferees against other colleges or groups of institutions by selecting specific line item data – but these reports are relatively complete as stand-alone documents.

OTHER

The Illinois Community College Board used to forward a consolidated report to community colleges. Participating institutions included:

- Eastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- Chicago State University
- Western Illinois University

[It is possible that other state universities (UIUC, NEIU, GSU, ISU) also participated, but I did not find anything on file in the ICCB files.]

This report seemed to be nothing more than a reprint of each institution's reports described above; thus it may have been seen as redundant.