The Voluntary System of Accountability at the Regent Universities

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What is the VSA?

- Web reporting template to provide information on the undergraduate student experience
- Project funded by a Lumina grant
- Partnership between AASCU and NASULGC
  - Representing more than 600 public institutions
  - Enrolling more than 7,500,000 students
  - Awarding 70% of U.S. bachelors degrees
Goals of VSA

- Provide consistent, comparable, transparent information for higher education stakeholders
- Aid students and families in college choice process
- Demonstrate greater institutional accountability for student learning and development

Audience

- Prospective and current students and families
- Policymakers, legislators
- Accreditors, institution and state boards
- Campus faculty and staff
- Public
VSA Participation

- Voluntary
- 4-year, public institutions
- Sections of College Portrait template required according to timeline
- Most public universities and colleges are likely to participate – approximately 300 already

College Portrait: A Voluntary System of Accountability™

- 5-page web reporting template
- Standard, comparable format
- Most elements compiled from currently available data sources
- Opportunity to add university-specific links and information
- Dynamic content; systematically updated
College Portrait Content

- Student Characteristics
- Undergraduate Success & Progress Rate
- Cost of Attendance and Financial Aid
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Degrees and Areas of Study
- The Institution's Community
- Study at the Institution
- Carnegie Classification of Institutional Characteristics
- Student Housing
- Campus Safety
- Future Plans of Recent Bachelors' Degree Recipients
- Student Experiences and Perceptions
- Student Learning Outcomes

The College Portrait: Six Pages of Uniformly Formatted Information
Institutional Banner

Student Characteristics
- Total Number
- UG Profile
  - Gender
  - Race/Ethnicity
  - Geographic
  - Age

UG Success and Progress
- 4 and 6 year graduation
- First to second year retention

Cost of attendance and financial aid
- Cost calculator
- Financial aid awarded
  - Overall
  - Need based scholarships and grants
  - Need based Loans

UG Admissions
- Applied, Admitted, Enrolled
- Academic preparation
  - ACT and SAT
  - Class rank
  - HS GPA
- Degrees and areas of study
Community
(Links to distinctive attributes)

- Study
  - Students per faculty
  - Small classes
  - Medium classes
- FT Instructional Faculty
  - % Women
  - % Minority
  - % with highest degree
- Carnegie classification

- Student Housing
- Campus Safety
- Future plans of degree recipients

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Student Experiences and Perceptions

- Group Learning Experiences
- Active Learning Experiences
- Institutional Commitment to Student Learning and Success

- Student Satisfaction
- Student Interaction With Campus Faculty and Staff
- Experiences With Diverse Groups of People and Ideas

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Student Learning Outcomes

- Student Learning Assessment at the Institution
- Pilot Project to Measure Core Learning Outcomes

Future Plans

- Systematically update all information
- Refine the content of optional information
- Annually update NSSE data
- Pilot student learning outcomes assessment instruments
Reporting Schedule

- Completed:
  - Student Characteristics
  - Cost
  - Undergraduate Admissions
  - Degrees & Areas of Study
  - The Community
  - Study at ISU/SUI/UNI
  - Student Housing
  - Carnegie Classifications
  - Campus Safety

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Iowa State University

Costs of Attendance and Financial Aid

Typical Undergraduate Costs per Year Without Financial Aid for Full-Time, In-State Students (2008-2009)

- Room & Board (in-state) $6,500
- Tuition (in-state) $5,521
- Required Fees $834
- Other expenses (books, transportation, etc.) $4,164

Total: $17,706

CLICK HERE for typical out-of-state costs and any discipline-specific tuition.

The cost to attend varies based on the individual circumstances of students and may be reduced through grants and scholarships.

CLICK HERE To get a 2009 estimate for students like you!

Financial Aid Awarded to Undergraduates (Fall 2007)

Overall Financial Aid
- 61% of Fall 2007 full-time undergraduates received financial aid of some type including need-based loans, work-study, etc.

Undergraduate Admissions

- 14,000 students applied
- 3,167 were admitted
- 1,327 enrolled

The University of Iowa

The Hawkeye Community

The University of Iowa offers opportunities in more than 100 diverse areas of study. But an Iowa education is much more than what you learn in the classroom. Iowa students are active on campus and off—as volunteers, entrepreneurs, explorers, and leaders. You can make connections in living-learning communities, find your niche among more than 400 student groups, explore the world through a study abroad program, conduct cutting-edge research with a faculty member, or put your knowledge into practice through an internship or co-op. Iowa offers endless opportunities to develop leadership skills, get practical experience, meet people from many different backgrounds, and be involved in making the world a better place.

Study at UI

- Classroom Environment
  - Students per Faculty: 15 to 1
  - Undergraduate classes with fewer than 30 students: 92%
  - Undergraduate classes with fewer than 50 students: 92%

- Full-Time Instructional Faculty

Student Housing

- 94% of new freshmen live on campus
- 30% of all undergraduates live on campus

Campus Safety
Student Experiences & Perceptions

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

- To be reported within 2 years of becoming a VSA participant
- Update at least every 3 years
- Regent universities will be updating annually

Student Learning Outcomes

- Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAPP)
- Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)
- Measure of Academic Proficiency & Progress (MAPP)
Student Learning Outcomes

- To be reported within 4 years of becoming a VSA participant
- Updated at least every 3 years
  - ISU: pilot CAPP assessment in Spring 2009
  - SUI: pilot CAAP in Fall 2008
  - UNI: continue MAPP pilot in Fall 2008

Conclusions

Three Regent institutions are:
- Early adopters of the VSA
- Exceeding expectations or on schedule with reporting timelines
- Systematically updating data
- Refining optional information

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