News and Updates for January 2017

National Study of Instructional Cost & Productivity –

The Delaware Cost Study

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The 2016 Delaware Cost Study is in progress and there is still time to register and participate in this cycle. Just click [here](http://ire.udel.edu/fee_schedulenew/) to pay the participation fee. The deadline to register for the study is ***January 31, 2017.***

Please visit our [website](http://ire.udel.edu/cost/) for up-to-date information on exciting changes to the National Study of Instructional Cost and Productivity.

With the start of this year’s study, we are using a new web portal submission process that hopefully will make submitting and verifying your data efficient and easier to use. The goal of this new system is to streamline the submission process and shorten the amount of time needed to produce the National Norms.

We will be introducing some new features with this year’s results, including three-year averages on cost data by program/CIP based on the Carnegie Classification of your institution, faster access to your institutional report and new infographics of the data.

**Faculty Activity Trifecta (FACT)**

Over the past year, the Higher Education Consortia (HEC) in the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (IRE) at the University of Delaware has been conducting and analyzing qualitative interviews with department chairs and directors of schools at public universities around the US regarding the usefulness of a national study of faculty activity outside of the classroom.

The principal investigator of the study, Jennifer Snyder, presented findings from an initial analysis of the data at the 2016 annual conferences for the Southern Association for Institutional Research (SAIR) in Charlotte, NC and the North East Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) in Baltimore, MD. The purpose of this first stage was to establish a theoretical framework for developing the FACT Study. A complete overview of Stage 1 of the FACT Study is available here: [SAIR 2016 FACT Study Handout.](file:///M:\cost\cost16\website%20update\SAIR%202016%20FACT%20Study%20Handout.pdf)

The next stage of the analysis, which is currently underway, will use further data from Stage 1 along with feedback from the conference presentations and input from the HEC Advisory Board to further develop a measure of faculty activity outside of the classroom. Specifically, the purpose of this stage is to construct a metric that accurately captures the effort spent by faculty on activities in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service. Our office will then incorporate the finalized metric into the framework established in Stage 1. In the coming months, we will continue to develop the study with the intent of initiating data collection with departments and schools at the University of Delaware.

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