

Institutional Research Annual Report 2008-09

Carol Trosset, Director

Enrollment Management

- Worked with Director of Central Records to provide regular population reports
- Provided enrollment predictions used to set admission targets
- Developed models to predict applicant and matriculant numbers
- Gathered National Student Clearinghouse data on admit-declines to determine Hampshire's admission overlap position

Retention

- Supported retention task force in reviewing analytical reports and compiling recommended action items
- Analyzed Fall 2006 Wabash Study cohort data to find college experiences that affect retention at Hampshire
- Gathered National Student Clearinghouse data on students who had withdrawn from Hampshire in recent years, analyzed where they enroll after leaving
- Presented to Admission staff information about what types of entering students are most successful at Hampshire

Assessment

- Assisted visiting Farm Review team by taking notes at all meetings
- Supported Baldwin review committee in framing questions and collecting information
- Teagle Senior Thesis Assessment Grant – Visited participating institutions to plan project, and directed three-day activity at Hampshire for faculty from participating institutions to evaluate theses from each other's institutions
- Conducted Degrees of Preparation Survey, gathered comparative data from Berea and Smith Colleges
- Administered Wabash National Study to Fall 2008 entry cohort in fall and spring
- Analyzed Teaching Clarity and Organization question data as part of Hampshire's end-of-course evaluations to apply WNSLAE findings to individual classrooms

Miscellaneous

- Prepared and distributed new edition of Hampshire College Fact Book
- Analyzed student course-taking patterns to support faculty curricular decision-making
- Advised two linguistics students

Half-time Research Associate

- Completed, or ensured the completion of, all external reports
- Developed new improved office web site
- Wrote report analyzing Hampshire's public image and comparing it to our top admission competitors
- Wrote report compiling multiple studies of advising
- Provided support for Director by cleaning and organizing data sets, and gathering information from other offices
- Managed new on-line end-of-course evaluation process and distribution of results
- Administered Research Practices Survey in fall and spring semesters

Trosset External Professional Activity

Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, Member of Board of Directors and Chair of Research Advisory Committee

Knox College, consultant, Title III grant on improving data-driven decision-making

Presentations

Student Perceptions and College Choice: The Bennington-Hampshire Cross-Admit Project. With Wendy Hirsch. 2009. Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium.

How Institutional Research Can Assist You With Assessment. 2009. NEEAN Assessment Workshop.

Using Wabash National Study Data to Understand Retention. 2009. Wabash Center for Inquiry.

Using Wabash National Study Data in the Classroom. 2009. With Steven Weisler. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference at Wabash Center for Inquiry.