

The Common Data Set (CDS) 2005-2006 is now available online. <http://www.aurora.edu/geninfo/cds-2005-06.pdf>. It contains 2005-2006 figures for Aurora University on enrollment, graduation rates, retention, race and ethnicity, financial aid statistics, tuition and board, number of degrees conferred, profile of AU first time first year students and much more.

Office of Data Management website will be up and running soon with information and resources to help the AU community in their data needs.

Data requests should be directed to Udho Igwe - Coordinator Office of Data Management who will help you obtain the information or direct you to the person who can help you.

Upcoming surveys for this semester are

- Your First College Year survey (class proctored) is the follow up to the Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) 2005 Freshman survey done in Fall 05
- National Survey of Student Engagement online survey
- Faculty Survey of Student Engagement online survey
- Collegiate Learning Assessment

Thank you for your cooperation in administering or completing the surveys - All results will be available online and in the Office of Data Management.

Spring semester administration timeline for SIR II's:

S1 Courses: Faculty receive SIR II's for administration the week of 20th Feb to be administered in their classes at their convenience and returned.

SPRING & S2 Courses: Faculty receive SIR II's for administration the week of 17th April to be administered in their classes at their convenience.

All SP and S2 SIR II's should be with the department secretaries by 1st May.

Please keep these dates in mind and return the completed forms as quickly as possible for them to be sent for processing. We want to ensure that the evaluation results get back to us in a timely fashion. Remember this is a very busy time of year for the Educational Testing Service.

Current regulations for administering SIR II's: Upon the recommendation of the Faculty Affairs Committee, the revised process for the administration of SIR II's was approved by the Faculty Senate at its meeting on 7 October 2005. The process below became effective 1 November 2005.

- 1) All faculty will administer in each class taught the evaluation form which consists of the written student narratives.
- 2) All faculty not employed under a five year contract, in addition to item 1, will administer the SIR II evaluation form in each class taught.
- 3) All faculty employed under a five year contract will administer, in addition to item 1, a SIR II evaluation to two classes each academic year and in different terms. One of these two classes must be the lowest academic ranked class taught by the individual faculty member. If there are equal ranked classes preference would be given to general education classes. The second class evaluated will be chosen by the faculty member and approved by the dean.

Alumni Survey: The Office of Data Management with Alumni Relations and Career Services is identifying ways of gathering information from our alumni in such a way that 1) we avoid over-surveying our graduates, 2) we capture meaningful program-related data, and 3) we gather formative university-level data. We are in the process of reviewing current alumni surveys to identify common questions and issues across programs. We would also like to find a way for any information including updated addresses that departments or programs receive on their alumni can be moved to the Advancement database. This would allow us to have the most current information on alumni in one source. The US News and World Report survey that we complete every year requires that we only count alumni on whom we have a current address.

These steps will take us forward in streamlining our institutional data collection and make our data gathering more efficient and as accurate as possible.