



Online Course Evaluations Are Here!

Beginning in fall 2010, students will evaluate all courses using the new online course evaluation system. An intensive marketing campaign was launched in early November. Electronic invitations to complete the course evaluations will be sent to students' GroupWise email. More information about this new initiative including details about the marketing campaign and the FAQ page can be found by clicking on the "Go Online" icon in the lower left corner at:

<http://louisville.edu/institutionalresearch/>. If you have any questions regarding online course evaluations, please contact Becky Patterson, Director, Office of Institutional Research and Planning (becky.patterson@louisville.edu).



Diversity, Inclusion, and Work Climate Surveys

In spring 2010, UofL administered two surveys to assess UofL's perceptions of diversity, inclusion, and work environment. *The Student Diversity & Inclusion Survey* was administered to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. In addition, the *Work/Climate* survey was administered to faculty and staff to complement the random sample of 600 full-time faculty and staff who participated in the *Chronicle's Great Colleges to Work For Survey*. The *Chronicle* survey is based on 15 survey dimensions that characterize 'best workplaces' and is representative of institutions that build cultures that enhance performance. Examples of the dimensions include collaborative governance, professional/career development programs, teaching environment, compensation/benefits, work/life balance, and facilities/workspace and security. Based on a preliminary report completed by the Office of Academic Planning and Accountability (OAPA), Communications and Marketing will release an executive summary of these results. The provost will lead a workgroup comprised of representatives from key constituent groups and key senior staff to review the data from the surveys, recommend data-informed actions to make needed improvements, and launch a coordinated effort to share the results widely with our academic community. The first meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2010 from 11am to 12:30 pm.

National Research Council Results Released

In 2007 UofL participated in the National Research Council (NRC) Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs. UofL had 17 doctoral programs which were evaluated in the study. The results were released on September 28, 2010. These results provide illustrative rankings of programs for research activity, student support and outcomes, and diversity of students and faculty. Results for all universities were highlighted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on October 27 (<http://chronicle.com/page/NRC-Rankings/321/>). For more information about the study and UofL's results, please contact Bob Goldstein, Associate University Provost for Academic Accountability, Institutional Research, and Effectiveness (rsgold03@louisville.edu).

2010 CIRP Freshman Survey






The Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP) Freshman Survey, sponsored by the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI), was administered to our entering first-year students during the summer 2010 orientation. The survey examines a wide range of student characteristics concerning their personal history, family characteristics, secondary school achievements and activities, educational goals and career plans, and values, attitudes, beliefs, and self-concepts. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) produced a report profiling our entering freshmen based on the responses from the 2,406 UofL students who participated in the survey. For more information about the survey and UofL's results, please contact Cheryl Gilchrist, Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness (cbgilk01@louisville.edu).

Kentucky Association for Institutional Research



The 2010 annual KAIR conference was held at the University of Louisville's Shelby Campus on October 14th and 15th. Congratulations to the following people:

-  **Bob Goldstein** will serve as the KAIR President 2010-11
-  **Emily Noonan** presented "Qualitative Data Analysis of 2010 CPE Transfer Student Survey Using NVivo8"
-  **Becky Patterson, Arnold Hook, Il Barrow, Matthew Borden, and Bob Goldstein** on their presentation entitled "Informing Student Retention Programming Through Predictive Modeling"

Shout Outs...



Welcome to **Stephanie Beachy** who recently joined the staff as an Institutional Research Analyst in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

Congratulations to **Linda Hou** on her certification as a SAS Base Programmer.

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