Notes from Research Metrics Focus Group  4/30/2010 (Encina 124)

Attendees: Anne Hannigan, Adam Daniel, Vijay Gandra, Rana Glasgal, Amy Balsom, Sara Bible, Barbara Cole, Kathleen Thompson, Sharon Bergman (for Clare Hansen-Shinnerl), Bettye Price, David O’Brien, Mary Corcoran

Intro from Anne H on BICC, previous information gathering efforts, keep in mind that this effort is not for operational reporting; it is high-level/strategic reporting

Demo from Vijay of OBIEE “proof of concept”: Graphs of proposals, awards, time to award, trend analysis, list of active awards, awards ending soon, outstanding proposals & PI View

Amy B- Need school and dept drop-down boxes classes on each page, make sure we have consistent prompts

Kathleen T-Re: Definitions-be careful to make sure definitions are clear on the screens so people know what they are looking at –the SOM has done some definitional work and we should use it

David O’Brien- This is not operational, but also, is not going to give you every analytical element you can ever imagine. Make decisions on what level is appropriate for this purpose.

Rana G-Think from highest level (trends over time, or peer/school comparisons) to lowest level (possibly line by line detail) – what should the “drill path” be?

Anne H-You should sit and look at the prototype and take notes of changes you want. Get us your feedback.

Anne- Review the handouts

1) List of research measures (from Rana Glasgal &Pat Deasy interviews last fall)

   Amy-for joint appts, what do you see for the faculty member? Just look at the primary and joint appts (not secondary or courtesy). Ex: UMG reports of faculty research show data for primary appts but want to add joint

   Mary C- Too many metrics related to proposals, need more awards metrics such as current awards plus upcoming (ex. $ value of directs) spread out over time.

   Sara-Research Expenditures Categories are: sponsored research; departmental research; university research; sponsored instruction; other sponsored activity. Types of dollar dimensions: total direct costs, IDC, ODBC, MTDC, animal care IDC

   Kathleen T- Would like to see subsets of agencies (drill into agency to get “sub-agency”)

   }
Anne H-Add cost sharing tab?

2) Marcia Cohen’s memo with her comments for today’s meeting (she could not attend)
   David O’B-Side by side graphs would be nice for comparison (VJ working on this)
   Org hierarchy- e-certification seems to do it well
   Other things she wants- Avg. eff IDCR (Sara B can help define this) (item d on Marcia’s memo)
   Definitely want average yrs/award or proposal (item e on Marcia’s memo)
   Item c – do this later
   Item f – important!

3) Venn diagram- Anne thinks we’re covering most of it
4) IASP questions from interviews ----- students/space=phase 2

   Compare forecasts to actual? Would need to enter forecasts somehow (phase 3)

   Bettye P- Would like to see New proposals vs. competitive renewals vs continuations.
   Also would like stacked bars for awards and proposals and be able to drill down to faculty member

   Anne H- Like the idea of stacked bars by agency within the stacks

   Amy B-Data has to be good on number of years in the awards

   choice_ - whole award amount vs. divide by number of years and get annual amount?

Anne H -As we proceed with specifications for dashboards, please be specific – make copies of graphs/tables and write on them, or make new things up. Specify drill-down paths

Anne H - Will get together again in 2 weeks.

Show $ amounts with or without IDC as an option? SOM needs to see IDC because they keep their IDC, but other schools don’t.