

Center for Student Affairs Research

NEWSLETTER

A Statewide Consortium Devoted to the Practice of and Research in Student Affairs

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Guiding Philosophy:

The overriding philosophy of the Center is to assist COSA and participating institutions with data, information, and expertise necessary to design and implement self-improvement mechanisms in the student affairs and related areas.

Objectives of the Center:

The Center is designed to serve at least four key objectives: (1) To serve as a clearinghouse for comparative student data in the consortium; (2) To serve as a research center for analyzing and disseminating research information about all types of college students; (3) To serve as a training center for student leaders, student personnel administrators, college planners, and policy makers; and (4) To serve a consultative function to resolve problems on individual campuses in the consortium.

Plans for the Upcoming Year:

Statewide Project

With the main aim of benefiting all participating institutions in the consortium, CSAR will be initiating and administering a significant statewide project dealing with issues related to credit card use among college students. There will be no participating fees for institutions which are already members of the consortium.

Individualized Projects

CSAR continues to work, on a case-by-case basis, with any institution in the consortium interested in exploring research topics of special interest or significance to its campus. This spring, the Center will be working with the University of Central Oklahoma on issues related to career planning and advising. The Center is actively considering other projects. The standard fee is a nominal \$200 per project, plus relevant operating expenses.

The History:

Over the past two years, the Center has administered two web-based surveys at Cameron University on issues related to student participation in extracurricular activities. The Center has also worked with East Central University on a significant project investigating all relevant factors related to alcohol consumption and abuse among college students. CSAR has also worked with the OU Health Sciences Center on a project related to student satisfaction with student services. Reports are available upon request.

Institutional Membership:

The Center is actively soliciting institutional membership into the consortium. Enclosed is a sign-up sheet and invoice for your convenience.

Questions or More Information:

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