

Enhancing Campus Access to Student Financial Support Data

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Today's Discussion

- UC system-wide data sources related to student financial support
- Reports currently on the web
- Options for enhancing data access
 - UC Davis Case Study
- Next steps

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The Financial Aid Inventory (FAI)

- Three flavors:

- Academic Year

- Summer Only

- All-Year

} Typically used for
UG reports only

} Used for UG and
GR reports

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Sources Used to Create the FAI

- Campus financial aid input files
 - One per campus
 - Data from main campus financial aid system & satellites (Grad Division, prof schools)
- Other CSS databases
 - Registration, Undergraduate Admissions Database (UAD)
- Corporate Personnel System
 - On-campus earnings (including ASE, GSRs)

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FAI Data Elements: Student-level Demographic Data

- Frequently-used fields from other CSS databases
 - Registration, UG Admissions
- Fields unique to financial aid
 - Parent income from FAFSA, Expected Parent Contribution, student budget, etc.

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FAI Data Elements: Award-level Data

- Award code/name
- Amount
- Type
 - Grant, fellowship, loan, wages, etc.
- Fund source
 - Mapped to OP fund groups
- Misc. award traits
 - Awarding entity, merit vs. need, etc.

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FAI Limitations

- Year-based, not term-based
 - Even academic year/summer isn't clean
 - Compromises made for term-based demographic data (e.g., residency)
- Not even close to real-time
 - Final files not ready until January of the following year
 - Preliminary files are incomplete

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Accessing the Data: Current Options

- Published reports our website:
<http://www.ucop.edu/sas/sfs/>
- Custom reports upon request
- Copy of the FAI for your campus

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Published Reports

- Campus-level reports by major award / type
 - UG, GR, and combined
 - Example: ucop.edu/sas/sfs/inv_acadyr_0506.htm
- Graduate Support Tables
 - Total and per-capita support by campus, discipline, student level
 - Includes “net stipend” (support less est. fees & tuition paid by student)
 - Example: ucop.edu/sas/sfs/gradsupport_0607.htm
- See ucop.edu/sas/sfs/ for others

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Using Your Own FAI Copy

- Available upon request
 - We ask for a single campus contact
 - Data for your campus only
- Robust on-line documentation
- UCOP Contact: Mark Langberg
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Case Study: UC Davis

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Options for Improving Access

- Increase awareness of existing reports
- Add additional static reports
- Provide more custom reporting services
- Dynamic report generator on UCOP DWH
 - Still requires standardization
 - Different campuses will have different units of analysis (department, program, school, etc.)
- Expanding campus use of FAI data
 - Campus-specific or system-wide

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Handy URLs for FAI users

- FAI field list with descriptions:
 1. Visit <http://css.ucop.edu/searches.php>
 2. Under “Warehouse Table,” select
 - Student_FAJ_AY_Award
 - Student_FAJ_AY_Demo
- List of award codes and names:
 1. Visit <https://csg.ucop.edu/public>
 2. Click on “CSS Code Tables”
 3. Select “FAI Award Code Table Search/Download”

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Questions/Discussion

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