
RE: Outcome Measures - Revised Cohorts - 171571

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Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 3:01 PM

To: Rueben Ternes <ternes@oakland.edu>, IPEDS Email <ipedshelp@rti.org>

Cc: Laura Schartman <schartma@oakland.edu>

Rueben,

Thank you for your inquiry. According to the details you have provided, you are permitted to revised the 2008 cohort to 'remove' students that have not enrolled at your institution. If you would like to revise the 2008 cohort in the Outcome Measures survey for this year, please let us know as we can assist you in updating this survey.

Please contact the help desk if we can assist you further.

Donald J. Brayboy

IPEDS Help Desk

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From: Rueben Ternes [mailto:ternes@oakland.edu]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:15 AM

To: IPEDS Email

Cc: Laura Schartman

Subject: Outcome Measures - Revised Cohorts

Dear IPEDS Help Desk,

I tried to call yesterday, but I could not get through. I have a quick question regarding a change in our count policy that may impact the cohorts used in outcome measures.

We have recently had a change in our count policy. Before the change, we recorded student headcount that was essentially in line with a 'if they placed a deposit, count them in our headcount.' (It's not quite that simple, but that's the easiest analog). That means that occasionally, a student might place a 'deposit', but end up not enrolling in courses (or unenrolling in all of their courses), yet still get counted in a headcount of some kind.

This would not impact our full-time cohorts, but our historical part-time cohorts actually contain students that enroll for zero credits at our institution. (We call these students 'ghost students' - since they can be counted in our headcounts, but are otherwise not physically present at our institution).

We've revised this policy recently to stop counting these ghost students. It is relatively easy to identify these students historically, so we can go back and revise our internal data to take these students out of various cohorts.

The outcomes measure survey allows for a revised cohort number. But the issue here is that, in most cases, the removal of these ghost students drops the cohort size enough that it would trigger a fatal error in the outcomes measure portion. My question is whether or not we are allowed to revise our historical data so that these ghost students are not counting against us - it's hard to graduate a student when they never enroll for courses at your institution!

If this is an allowable revision - what is the best way to revise these numbers? We'll likely trigger a fatal error in outcome measures every year for the next 8 or so years. Let me know if a phone call would be a better way to discuss the situation. Thank you so much!

-Reuben

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Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 11:18 AM

Hi Donald,

Thank you for your response. Yes, we do want to submit revisions! Is it better to do this over e-mail or would you prefer that I call?

-Reuben
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Rueben,

Whatever method is convenient for you, we will work with you. If emailing the data is easiest, please use this method to update the OM survey.

Please contact the help desk if we can assist you further.

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Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 2:24 PM

Thanks Donald. I prefer to use e-mail if possible so that I can archive the conversation for my own records. (It helps keep me sane!). But if we need a phone conversation, I'm fine with that too.

This is how the award status at six years page should look like with the ghost students removed:

(Column Header = Revised 2008 Cohort)

First Time Entering
Full-Time: 2248 (unchanged)
Part-Time: 75 (revised)

Non-First Time Entering
Full-Time: 1034 (unchanged)
Part-Time: 385 (revised)

This revision will also necessitate that the 'Awarded by your institution' column be revised (downward). The First-Time Part Time awards should now read 17 instead of 21, while the non-first time entering part-time award number should be 175 instead of 181. There are no changes to the full time awards. (They should still read 1025 for FT-FT and 623 for NFT-FT).

These changes will also necessitate revision for the next section - Award and Enrollment Status at Eight Years. The cohorts, of course, should all pre-load from the newly revised numbers. The 'Awarded by your institution' column should read '25' instead of 28 for first-time, part-time students and 187 instead of 196 for non-first-time, part-time students.

On the same page, for the column 'Number who subsequently enrolled at another institution' should stay at 11 for first-time, part-time students, but will change to 23 instead of 26 for non-first time part-time students.

And, in the same page on the same column, we have two unrelated revisions that we would like to submit. The first-time full-time students in 'the number subsequently enrolled at another institution' should be 135, and not 150. The non-first-time full-time should be 25 (and not 41).

I have included screen shots of the new data (again, for my own sanity). If there are any questions, please let me know. Thank you soooo much!

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Rueben,

Thank you for the data. We have updated the Outcome Measures survey as per your email. The administrators have overridden the fatal edits and we have proceeded to relock this survey on your behalf. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Please contact the help desk if we can assist you further.

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