

Meeting Summary

ONCAT Funded Data Sharing Project, Kaneff Tower, York University
Thursday, May 11, 2017

General Discussion

- More accurate data on transfer mobility is required especially for institutions that include transfer as a priority in their SMAs
- Future: Provincial shift to outcomes/metrics based funding
 - Greater reporting accuracy will be needed for changing nature of the 'transfer student' (e.g. Capturing concurrent dually enrolled students)
 - Shifting (provincial) priorities and the need to increase institutional capacity (e.g. tracking, data system upgrades)

Existing Practices/Processes re: Data Sharing

- Partner institutions often share data with the institution with which they have the greatest collaboration. However, data is not often shared with the other partnering institutions. Additionally, much of what is shared simply confirms student application/acceptance (general or program specific); retention and graduation data is often not shared/ is available
- Some partner institutions have been sharing data, but the success in transfer mobility, have not yet been evaluated, by some of the partnering institutions
- Some program/ project specific agreements that request and confirm from students their willingness to allow their data to be shared between institutions are in place, however, none of the partners have agreements in-place at the institutional level
- With the proposed use of the OEN, there will be greater access to aggregate data
- There is also an ongoing need for quality institutional data on mobility to support institutional planning and decision-making
- A lot of the mobility that is happening may also not be occurring within articulated pathways. Some institutions mostly use block credit
- There are also issues of privacy to be considered
- Partner institutions have now began to incorporate vague statements about data sharing within their newer articulation agreements

Research Ethics Board (REB) Approval

- The results of the data sharing research project will be posted to the ONCAT website and so an REB approval process was recommended
 - The colleges have a multi-site/ institutional REB process
 - York and Seneca will seek ethics approval for the project from their respective boards and forward the results of the review to the other partners for confirmation
 - The project survey will be needed for the REB process

Data Collection

- The research consultant hired for the project will need to liaise with the institutional contacts (project committee) to identify and coordinate the interviews with the key informants

Other Data Points / Research interests of the data sharing project committee:

- What are the successes within data mobility (how c/would this be captured within a data sharing arrangement)
- Data governance and parameters
- Defining the 'transfer student'
- Possibilities and limitations of the use of the OEN
- What frameworks are needed to facilitate data sharing
- How is/ would/ does/ competition affect data sharing (among colleges & universities)
- What should be the principles governing data sharing (institutional concerns/ apprehensions)

Project Timelines

- Project timelines could be amended. If this happens, ONCAT will need to be notified.

Research Consultant Selection Process

- As the project lead, York has to comply with the institution's procurement process
 - o A minimum of three bids is required
 - o Would like to submit the RFP for a return deadline by the first week of June
 - o Information related to the selection process will be circulated

Suggested Vendors:

- o Academica
- o David Trick & Associates Inc.
- o Thinklounge Market Research (Brian Bauma)
- o Duklas Cornerstone Consulting (Joanne Duklas)

Project Funds Dissemination

- Partner institutions will receive their allocations at the end of the project – March 2018

Project Meetings

- The project meetings will align with the project timelines/ deliverables
- The meetings would be rotated with the in-person/ teleconference options available
- Durham and Trent are meeting location options to consider
- **The next meeting will include an introduction to the research consultant hired for the project**