Report to ASCCC
February 9-10, 2024

Board/Organization-Related

- 2024 RP Group Awards and 2024 Lifetime and Partner Achievement Awards
  - Nominations have closed. Thanks to all who submitted meaningful nominations!
  - Award winners will be posted to the Awards page in March and subsequently recognized at the RP Conference 2024, April 10–11, at the Westin Long Beach.

- IRPE Resources for the Field
  - A new resource from The RP Group’s Research Advisory Committee focuses on survey design considerations: Common Survey Missteps and How to Fix Them.

Research and Evaluation

- Statewide Surveys
  - LGBTQ+ Data Practices Survey
    - A report of the findings will be forthcoming in spring 2024.
  - The College Attendance Survey
    - The 2023 statewide summary was shared via a webinar on January 26, 2024, and the report is on our website.
      Webinar recording | Webinar slide deck | Report

- MMAP Research
  - A new brief was released to determine the validity of the default placement rules for Statistics and Precalculus math students after the implementation of AB 705:
      The Math Default Placement Rules Post AB 705: Predicted vs. Actual Transfer-level Math Success for Students in the Lowest Placement Band
Professional Development

- If you missed the January 25 PIER to PIER focused on how IRPE offices are building career pathways in research and planning for students while concurrently advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in their spaces through categorical funding sources, here’s a link to the recording and the resource that was shared.

- Registration is OPEN for RP Conference 2024!
  - This year’s conference will be hosted at the Westin Long Beach, April 10–11, with optional half-day post-conference workshops on April 12. We look forward to seeing you there!
  - The RP Conference 2024 theme is *Creating Student-Ready Institutions and Equity-Driven Change Through Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.*
  - Learn more here!

- There is still time to join our new weekly workshop series, *Qualitative Research Techniques for the Equity-Minded Change Agent.*
  - This six-session workshop series launched on January 26 and will be hosted weekly on Fridays through March 1 via Zoom from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The online sessions are paired with a Canvas course where participants can access resources and session recordings for reference.
  - Here is the slate of workshop sessions:
    - Workshop 1: *Introduction to Intersectional Qualitative Analysis*
    - Workshop 2: *Designing and Consulting on Equity-Focused Qualitative Protocols*
    - Workshop 3: *The Basics of Qualitative Coding and Thematic Analysis*
    - Workshop 4: *Qualitative Coding and Thematic Analysis using Excel or Google Sheets*
    - Workshop 5: *Qualitative Coding and Thematic Analysis with ATLAS.ti*
    - Workshop 6: *Centering Equity-Mindedness When Reporting Qualitative Findings*
  - Visit our workshops and web events page for additional context and registration information.

- Our next IRPE Equity Research & Social Justice Collaborative on Wednesday, February 21 from 9:30–11:00 am is titled *Digging Deeper into Classroom Assessments & Rubrics with an EDI Lens* hosted by Michelle Velasquez Bean of Rio Hondo College. This session
will focus on how researchers can support instructors in creating formative assessments that positively impact student achievement and success. Sessions are hosted on the third Wednesday of each month. Here is a link to register for this free event.

- Join us for a new opportunity from our Leading from the Middle (LFM) program: Leadershifting: Virtual Professional Development Workshop Series – New Ways of Seeing, Doing, and Leading from the Middle.
  - This professional development series provides leadership skills and knowledge building needed by community college professionals to lead change from the “middle” in community colleges. The workshops are based on research on effective leadership LFM curriculum and the insights and experiences of LFM alumni engaged in social and racial justice, inclusion, equity, and student success efforts. Many of the skills taught in these workshops are aligned with the American Association of Community Colleges’ competencies for community college leaders.
  - The series includes six workshops, offered weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 pm in March and April. You may sign up for individual workshops, a series of three workshops, or all six workshops. Mid-level administrators; counseling, instructional, full-time, and adjunct faculty; classified professionals; and institutional researchers and planners are invited to participate. Please note these workshops are intended for individual participants.
  - Learn more and register!

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