

P-20 Data Committee Meeting
10/25/2010

The P-20 Data Committee met to discuss the current status of the data cube prior to the 10/28/10 P-20 Council Meeting, where Alan Phillips was scheduled to deliver a committee report.

Alan informed the committee that an Early Childhood Data Cube was in the planning phases and that that it was likely to be another project coordinated by the Data Committee. In addition DOE is working on the Education Insight Portal will be the dashboard over the education LDS. The first year will focus on the Teacher Insight Portal and the use of data in the classroom to inform instruction. Vendor presentations had been scheduled for a week in October and Tommy Tao said he thought that an RFP would be made available in December.

The status of the P-20 Data Cube is that it contains four cohorts of public school graduates, except for Del. Tech., which has decided to withhold data until certain data governance issues have been settled to its satisfaction. Alan informed the committee that the Governor's Office and DOE staff were discussing a legislative response to the issue of where data governance would be housed and how policies and procedures would be developed. Alan told the committee that at the P-20 Council he would refer to the P-20 Data Cube as pilot, but that he would like to move the project from "pilot" to "system" and that institutions would need to strengthen their commitment to the project.

Tommy Tao discussed his desire to make some changes in the institutional data files that are exchanged beginning with the next data collection. The current file layout has emphasized student courses and not student status [progression through higher education programs of study]. A redesign of the data cube is necessary to ensure the data cube is better at tracking student status. Tommy suggested and the committee agreed that we could revert to a "2-file" data collection. One file would track students and student status and the other file would be a course file similar to what is collected now. We also need to revisit/reinforce the coding standards we decided on. Tommy requested that institution send him their SQL queries if they want more guidance creating institutional files.

Additional meetings are needed to plan the redesign of the data cube. Tommy will develop new file layouts for distribution prior to the next meeting, which will be on November 22, 2-3:30 PM, in the Library Conference Room, Townsend Building. Another meeting was set for January 10, 1-3:30, also in the Library Conference Room, Townsend Building.

Agenda – November 22, 2-3:30 PM, Library Conference Room, Townsend Building, Dover

Review file formats for January, 2011 data collection