Excerpt from GCAIR member received on 8/31/2007

As outgoing GCAIR president and someone who worked with the CC GPA report from both sides, I thought I would take this opportunity to respond for the group regarding your inquiry about this report. It may help if you have a little history on the report.

Community colleges are required to report on the success of our graduates. This includes data on job placement as well as how they perform at a four-year transfer institution. It is very difficult to track students once they leave your institution and because of FERPA, we can not access their academic records at another institution. Thus, the consortium colleges requested that UHCL provide what is now referred to as the CC GPA report.

This report has actually been around now for more than ten years. Originally, there was a canned report in the legacy system at UHCL that was run by the Office of Enrollment Services and distributed in hard copy form. Over time, that responsibility was shifted to the IR Office (now OIE) and the data was pulled from the student database system to generate an Excel report. This report was initially distributed via email as a PDF report, but members of the consortium requested that the Excel file also be distributed. This allowed individuals to copy and paste information into separate reports for their own institution as needed.

I can tell you that the consortium colleges do use the report regularly.

I hope that this information helps to explain why this report exists and how it has been used in the past. We have much appreciated the collaboration with UHCL over the years and would like to see that continue.

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