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Lynn reported we are on track for hiring the IT position. It has posted publicly and is advertised as open until filled. First screening will take place Sept. 11. Hiring committee has 9-10 peoplemost of the DQP IT team. Lynn will chair the hiring committee. First meeting for hiring committee on Sept. 10. 9:00 a.m. building 2, room 128. Lynn will send information out on first meeting. The team asked about posting the opening in multiple places and Lynn will look into that.

Larry updated the group on the webforms pilot. Still working through aligning definitions. The group asked about common ground in terms of what is kept in SIS and what could be collected on courses. Could/should this be looked at as a flowchart or as a data dictionary? Larry will start things with screenshots of Webforms and potentially the Oregon Community College Unified Reporting System. College representatives can do the same with their respective student information systems regarding course information (essentially the "form" where course information is collected in the SIS).

Essentially we need to still determine what it is that we want and need. If we look at what exists in terms of data sources we can then determine if we can build on current resources or if we will need to start from scratch.

Ron asked about whether we are focused on courses or is it program based. Connie shared that general education outcomes determined in the past were course specific. Mark advocated for course level and to ground it in XML. Gary stated that at some point we will need to sort those that have been validated, those that are in process, and those that are in the first stages or still just "local."

So far we have not worked on replicating the excel file for the web. Will come after definitions are in place.

OUS has Banner-based SIS but they are different "flavors" across the campuses. Connie suggested contacting Bob Keiran (Larry will contact Bob) to see what the OUS schools report in terms of aggregate data. The belief is that the comparisons are "apples to apples" in terms of what is aggregated between the universities.

Gary discussed the need to build a tool that standardizes and/or validated the outcomes for consistency; a centralized initiative that aggregates. Elumen (http://www.elumen.info/) is a model that may give the team a sense of what is possible. Gary will check into a webinar that demonstrates this for the team. Combined with what we determine is a need for providing direction and feedback for faculty. This is a critical component.

Most of us will be involved in the hiring committee meeting on Sept. 10 at Lane CC so we can check in at that time and also by email in the meanwhile.

The next conference call is: September 26, 2:00 to 2:50