

Institutional Research

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About Institutional Research

Our central mission is the collection, organization, maintenance and analysis of institutional and other data to support institutional management, operations, decision-making and planning functions.

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The Office of Institutional Research and Planning is undergoing significant changes this academic year — with a new name, new location, new leadership and new initiatives underway. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the university community informed of these changes.

New Name

We're now the **Office of Institutional Research** and report to Bob Boehmer, associate provost for Institutional Effectiveness. The name change was recommended by the external review team that examined our operation last fall. Since strategic planning is a separate function under the umbrella of Institutional Effectiveness, the name change is intended to clarify our focus on collecting, organizing, maintaining and analyzing data. The change was approved by the provost and the president's cabinet in February.

New Location

We moved last June from the Holmes-Hunter Academic Building to the **7th floor of the Bank of America Building**, which houses a number of other UGA units. It was a challenge to pack 30 years worth of institutional data and try to provide continuous service during the move. The staff worked diligently to get this done.



New Leadership

Long-time IRP director David Clements retired last fall and a **national search is currently underway** for a new director. The position should be filled by fall 2003. A newly formed Advisory Board, composed of 15 representatives from UGA offices that are major users of IR data, is serving as the search committee.

New Fact Book Available

The **Fact Book 2002** is now available on the web and as a CD. To view the 2002 edition and previous Fact Books online, go to www.uga.edu/irp/factbks.htm. To request a CD, call Institutional Research.

New Initiatives

To be more effective in serving our constituencies, IR is developing a **client liaison system** within the office. For all major projects, a specific member of the IR staff will be assigned as the primary contact for the client. This will allow us to respond to requests in a more focused way.

Also being developed is a new system to allow administrative units to more easily access institutional data. Dubbed **FACTS (Facilitated Access to Campus Trends and Statistics)**, the system will incorporate both query and reporting capability. The primary intent is to provide ready online access to data that administrators can use in strategic planning, benchmarking and decision-making. Further details about this new reporting tool will be highlighted in a future newsletter.

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