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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.

Contacting Institutional Research

We welcome your questions or comments about information in this newsletter. Contact Karen Bauer, director, at 425-3183 or via email (kwbauer@uga.edu).

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OIR welcomes new director

Karen Webber Bauer arrived at UGA in mid-August to assume the directorship of the Office of Institutional Research. Karen earned her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland and

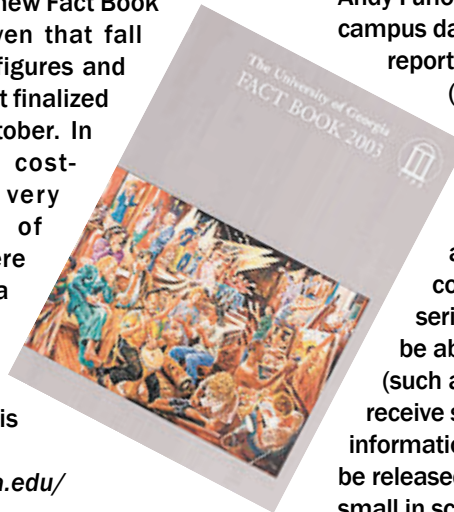


for the past 15 years has worked in the Office of Institutional Research & Planning at the University of Delaware. She has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in psychology and higher education for

the past 12 years, and now holds an associate professor appointment in UGA's Institute of Higher Education. She can be reached at kwbauer@uga.edu or 425-3183.

2003 Fact Book available

The latest edition of the UGA Fact Book was released in December 2003. Efforts by OIR staff members Marsha Allen, Don Snell, and Debbie Holliday expedited timely publication of the new Fact Book – a challenge given that fall 2003 enrollment figures and other data were not finalized until the end of October. In the interest of cost-cutting, only a very limited number of printed copies were distributed. But a PDF version of the new Fact Book (as well as previous editions) is available online at <http://www.oir.uga.edu/factbks.htm>.



Want to learn more about UGA?

An important mission of the Office of Institutional Research is to collect, store and analyze data about UGA. OIR staff members, working in collaboration with other campus units, provide information about UGA in several formats. Chief among these is the annual Fact Book, mentioned

above. OIR also publishes statistics about UGA in the Common Data Set (<http://www.oir.uga.edu/cds>). The Common Data Set contains UGA data reported according to a nationally agreed upon set of definitions for student enrollments, number of faculty and staff, facilities, tuition and fee charges, and the percent of students receiving financial aid. Often, institutions will share Common Data Set information with publications such as *U.S. News & World Report* and others who request information. OIR also is one of the official reporting agents to the University System of Georgia for various UGA data. Please contact our office regarding specific information needs and our staff will be happy to assist you.

Projects in progress at OIR

OIR is involved in several exciting projects, including FACTS, the Data Integration Task Force, and semester reports on the web. Here's a rundown:

FACTS. OIR staff members Cheryl Tarter, Andy Furlow and Jeff Daniel are developing a campus data warehouse and web-based reporting system called FACTS

(Facilitated Access to Campus Trends and Statistics). We envision FACTS to be a highly useful tool for anyone who wants to gather information about UGA students, employees, courses and facilities. Through a series of pull-down menus, users will be able to specify different parameters (such as semester or school/college) and receive specific numerical and graphic information about subgroups. Scheduled to be released this spring, FACTS will start out small in scope but will grow in breadth and complexity as it is developed.

Redesigned IR home page. A redesigned OIR home page will soon be available at <http://www.oir.uga.edu>. Let us know what you think of the redesign and also send us suggestions for additional information you'd like to see there.

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Data Integration Task Force. Director Karen Bauer serves as a member of the campus-wide Data Integration Task Force, which was charged by UGA's three senior vice presidents to study and then establish recommendations for efficient management of data across campus. All members of this committee worked extremely hard during the fall and submitted their recommendations to the senior officials in late January. OIR will continue to be a strong contributor to future decisions about data collection, storage and management at UGA.

Winter and Spring 2004 data reports.

OIR provides regular reports about enrollments, numbers of employees, course offerings and facilities to the University System office in Atlanta as well as to federal reporting agencies and campus users. Information is provided via data files sent to the System office and through web-based reports available on the OIR web site. If you are interested in detailed information about UGA, including

daily updates on the number of students enrolled during the first two weeks of each semester, go to OIR's home page and click on the links for institutional data by semester, subject or unit.

Help needed in updating information

Have you ever been on the receiving end of a call from OIR staff members Tracie Sapp, Frances Stephens-Harper or Marie Gibson asking that you quickly update instructor of record and classroom assignments or verify other data? OIR is charged with the responsibility of providing accurate, up-to-date information to senior officials as well as the University System office. In some cases, University funding is based on the data we provide, thus it is absolutely critical that we have complete information. We rely on the assistance of department staff and others across campus and appreciate your attention to established deadlines for reporting information about faculty, students and course assignments. If you have questions or comments about this process, please contact Karen Bauer.

FROM THE 2003 FACT BOOK:

Enrollment (fall 2003):
25,415 undergraduate
6,922 graduate
1,541 professional
33,878 total

Admissions (fall 2003):
5,190 first-time freshmen
(average SAT: 1212)
1,182 new transfers

FT faculty (fall 2003):
1,754
(99% tenured or tenure track;
94% hold doctorate or other terminal degree)

Tuition/fees (2003-04):
\$4,078, resident undergraduate
\$14,854, non-resident undergraduate

Total revenue (FY03):
\$1.08 billion
(\$414 million from state appropriations)

Sponsored awards (FY03):
\$230,705,675

Facilities (fall 2003):
367 buildings on main campus
(11 major building projects completed in 2003 for total cost of over **\$134** million)

Find out more at
<http://www.olr.uga.edu>

Institutional Research Internal Advisory Board

The Institutional Research Advisory Board was formed in 2002 to offer comments, suggestions and guidance to the IR director related to the goals and objectives addressed by Institutional Research. Current members of the advisory board include:

- Meg Amstutz, President's Office
- Andy Brantley, Human Resources
- Dennis Calbos, Enterprise Information Technology Services
- Len Davis, Equal Opportunity Office
- Larry Dendy, Public Affairs
- Tracey Ford, Institutional Diversity
- George Francisco, College of Pharmacy
- Tom Hodler, Geography
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- Bobbi Lathrop, Student Affairs
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- Ryan Nesbit, Finance & Administration
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- Peter Shedd, Terry College of Business
- Regina Smith, Office of the VP for Research