

Tasks related to FYE-EER Framing Questions for AY 2006-07

Various members of the FYE-EER agreed to take on specific research questions this semester (Sp 07): to gather and analyze data relevant to these concerns:

1. Question One: “How effective are university efforts to forge connections among FY students (with one another) and to faculty, staff and other students?” Jane Rysberg will craft a data gathering strategy for this question.
2. Questions Two: “Do students know about and take advantage of the university’s academic and personal support resources?” Chela Patterson will assemble data on FY students’ use of services. Sarah Blakeslee will examine the LibQual survey to extract information about FY student use of library facilities.
3. Question Three: “How effectively does the FYE Program take advantage of Chico’s residential campus environment to enhance academic, social and civic engagement?” Hemlata Jhaveri is already gathering data on this question, especially regarding the effectiveness of the faculty mentor program in the residence halls.
4. Question Four: “How does participation in FYE programs affect persistence, graduation rates?” Lorraine Smith, Jeanette Alosi will analyze, especially given the bump up in AP/DQ rates this semester.
5. Question Five: “How is assessment used to guide and improve First Year Program efforts?” Thia Wolf and Bill Loker will analyze, with help from Sarah Blakeslee (Library) who will focus on results of information literacy training in UNIV 101.