

APS Campus Team at UWM

Minutes from Meeting #3

January 25, 2018

1. APS Updates from Amanda Cook

Amanda Cook, Research Analyst, provided the following APS-related updates:

- APS Website on UWM.edu: The UWM community can now access an array of APS-related materials—including a user guide, use cases, and minutes from the APS Campus Team meetings—via https://uwm.edu/academicaffairs/current_projects/academic-performance-solutions/.
- New handouts from EAB: EAB has put out four new handouts with step-by-step instructions for performing the following tasks and analyses using APS:
 - *Reducing Section Variation in Course Completion*
 - *Matching Section Offerings with Demand*
 - *Monitoring Faculty Course Loads*
 - *Making Data-Informed Faculty Line Requests*

These handouts are available upon request.

- Additional ideas for how to use APS:
 - *Small class reports*: With just a click of a button, you can use APS to view a list of course sections that had fewer than 10 students. To view the report, go to the Department Scorecard tab, scroll down to “Courses,” and click on the number showing the percentage of classes with fewer than 10 students.
 - *Fill rates over time*: You can also use APS to analyze course fill rates over time. To view this report, go to the Courses tab, scroll down to the “Class Capacity Utilization” section, and click on the link that says “View Course Section Level Report by Course, Term.”

2. Using APS to Streamline and/or Enhance Recurring Tasks

Gesele Durham, Director of IR and Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, discussed a new strategy for disseminating the APS tool on the UWM campus: Over the next several weeks, Durham and Cook will convene a series of small focus groups with administrators, including unit business representatives, assistant deans, associate deans, and deans. The purpose of these focus groups will be to generate ideas for how APS can be used to streamline and/or enhance the tasks these administrators perform on a routine or recurring basis.

3. Updates from EAB Consultant, Julia Linfors

Julia Linfors, UWM's dedicated APS consultant from EAB, offered the following APS-related updates:

- New features coming soon to APS:
 - The ability to look at course-level grade distributions, instead of just "earned" and "unearned" credits.
 - The ability to customize the Benchmarking dashboard to focus on particular types of peer institutions (e.g., large urban public universities).
- Timeline for the next data refresh: UWM's APS data is on track to be refreshed in February.
- Upcoming APS Webinar Series:
 - February 27: Reducing Section Variation in Course Completion
 - March 6: Matching Section Offerings to Demand
 - March 13: Monitoring Faculty Course Loads
 - March 20: Examining Distinct Course Proliferation
 - March 27: Making Data-informed Faculty Line Decisions

Anyone with an EAB.com account can register for the webinars via [EAB's website](#).

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the APS Campus Team will be on Thursday, March 29 from 2-3pm in Lubar N440. The previously planned February meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.