DATA GOVERNANCE

FACILITATING VALUES-CENTERED, DATA INFORMED DECISIONS

Quarterly

May 2021

Common Data Language (CDL) Announcement

For the 2021 academic year, TCU will refer to first time in college students as "first-year" students instead of "freshmen." This move was made to bring TCU in line with current higher education industry standards, and reflects our use of inclusive language.

"First-year" also indicates the academic classification of TCU students with credit hours ranging from 0 –23.

While it may seem administrative, this change will affect many areas across campus that categorize student status. Therefore, the Data Governance (DG) Board proposed the change to DG Executive Board, given its widespread impact on information systems. On March 25, 2021, the DG Executive Board voted to approve the use "first-year students."

DG Calendar

May 2021

14th – CDL Committee Meeting

19th – Data Quality (DQ) Meeting

24th – DG Board Meeting

June 2021

1st – "First-Year Student" announcement

16th – DQ Meeting

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Data Process Improvement Highlights

College Liaisons are gathering data to help track graduate student progress through programs. The DG Office worked with the Graduate Studies Office to coordinate the data collection. This data will compliment graduate student start levels, which will in turn help administrators and program directors track the progress of graduate students through PeopleSoft, as students complete courses and program requirements. In addition, it will also help facilitate cohort grouping for reporting offices.

Data Warehouse Updates

For the past 3 years, Institutional Research (IR) and IT Enterprise Application Services have been hard at work on the Data Warehouse. Data curation has been focused on class and student information in this first phase. Future phases will focus on Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Affairs, Human Resources, and Finance.

Currently, there are millions of rows of data housed on a platform that will give TCU the ability to actively pull, summarize, and analyze data in new ways.

Along with connecting data resources, the data warehouse has built in processes, which consistently search for data errors, leading to enhanced data quality.

The IR Office has developed more than 15 academic data dashboards for the use of the Provost's Office and College leadership across campus. With more than 30 authorized users, the Data Warehouse has had an incredibly successful start to implementing the analytic platform for the University.