

South African Survey of Student Engagement

Timelines and Implementation

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What we will cover:



- Timeline for the project
- What is required from your institution
- Data collection options
- Use of the website
- Discussion and questions



Timeline



- 21 April Deadline for participation confirmation
- 30 April Participation fees must be paid
- May- June Obtain ethical clearance (where necessary)
- June Institutional visits (new institutions)
- 30 July Institutional data files provided
- July/August Data collection
- January 2011 Reports delivered



Confirmation of participation



- 1 April
 - Provisional budgets provided to institutions
 - Participation agreement sent to you
- 21 April
 - Intention to participate with following details
 - Online or Paper
 - Lecturer Survey of Student Engagement (LSSE)
 - Campuses to be surveyed
- 30 April
 - Confirmation of participation based on payment of full fees
 - Copy of signed participation agreement returned



Obtaining Ethical Clearance



- Reflections on 2009
- Obtaining ethical clearance is the responsibility of the institutional representative
- Support from SDS in terms of templates/examples





Institutional Visits



- Dates for institutional visits June
- Only new institutions that are doing paper administration
- 2 representatives for 1-2 days
 - One will be the campus team leader
- Purpose of visits
 - Review of detailed data collection schedules
 - Logistical arrangements (venues, assistants, facilities)
- Liaison with Vaida



Institutional Data Files



- Full population file of all registered undergrad students
 - Submit to SDS by 30 July
 - Template will be provided
 - Used for weighting
 - Uploaded through the web interface for security purposes



Data to be included



- Details from all campuses
 - Qualification seeking students
 - First-years and seniors
 - Student numbers
 - Student names (first name and surname)
 - Email addresses (online institutions)
 - Cell phone numbers (online institutions)
 - Enrolment status
 - Gender
 - Race



Online Data Collection



- Run for 4 weeks
- From start of semester
- Pop-up screen or email or both?
- Provide bi-weekly feedback on response
 - SMS – SDS responsibility
 - Marketing – institution's responsibility
 - Will be discussed in detail this afternoon



LSSE data collection



- Only available to online institutions
- Provide email addresses of lecturing staff
- Will run for 4 weeks



Paper data collection



- One week for all campuses
- Maximum 2000 students per institution
- Sampling schedule – institutional responsibility
- Data teams will come to do data collection





Costs involved



- Shared costs approach: project and the institution
- Online
 - Institutional rep
 - SMS costs
 - LSSE costs (where applicable)
 - Marketing (your own costs)
 - Incentive (your own costs)
- Paper and Pen
 - Institutional rep
 - Travel
 - Accommodation
 - Subsistence
 - Printing and Scanning



Project Web Interface



<http://sasse.ufs.ac.za>

Essential features:

Institutional log in facility

Workshop presentations

Colloquium presentations

Links to relevant websites and useful literature

Contact details



http://sasse.ufs.ac.za/

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What is the South African Survey of Student Engagement?

The South African Survey of Student Engagement (SASSE) was piloted in South Africa on a national level in 2009 by the division of Student Development and Success at the University of the Free State in collaboration with the Council on Higher Education.

The pilot study formed part of the investigation into the development of a 4-year undergraduate curriculum and undergraduate education in general. Within the context of this investigation, research on student engagement helps to identify the conditions and drivers of success that would lead to the identification of high impact activities that contribute to the improvement of throughput and success rates in the South African context.

The study will further contribute to systemic and institutional capacity development by providing generic, comparative and institution specific perspectives on student engagement.

The student engagement research project will be continuing during 2010, and all higher education institutions are invited to participate in this exciting initiative to promote student success. The 2010 project includes a [colloquium](#) on student success and a [2-day workshop](#). For additional queries on the 2010 project contact [Dr Francois Strydom](#).

What is student engagement?

Student engagement can be defined by two key components, first, what students do (the time and energy they devote to educationally purposive activities) and second, what institutions do (the extent to which they employ effective educational practices to induce students to do the right things). The South African Survey of Student Engagement (SASSE) is based on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) developed in the USA.



Discussion and Questions



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