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WesternU's Institutional Research & Effectiveness Newsletter

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Visit in Review

Dear WesternU Community:

The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness would like to thank the WesternU community for their support throughout the March 2013 WASC visit. We'd like to extend a special thanks to those that took the time to meet with the visitors to share their insights.

The WASC visiting team presented their preliminary findings to the WesternU community during their exit talk at the end of the visit. For those interested, documents related to the visit (including the WASC Visiting Team Report and WesternU's Response to the Visiting Team Report) can be found here:

<http://intranet/offices-oir-wasc-visit2013.html>

The WASC Commission will meet June 22, 2013 to deliberate on the findings related to the WesternU visit. WASC findings and recommendations will be formally distributed within a few weeks after the Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Juan Ramirez, Ph.D.

Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

Welcome to our new Assessment Analyst!

Alyssa De Santiago, MPH, CHES: Alyssa earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Whittier College and a Master of Public Health in health promotion, education and evaluation at Claremont Graduate University. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. Her experiences include non-profit program evaluation and research to city assessment and coalition building. Outside of WesternU, she is currently conducting research with Dr. Miki Carpenter for the "Healthy Rim Mountain Communities" initiative in San Bernardino County under the Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship in 2012-2013.

IRE Survey Request Form

Did you know that we have an online survey request form? If you need assistance with a survey, data analysis or anything else please request our services here: [IRE Survey Requests](#)

Congratulations to the following programs for outcomes related to their professional accreditation status!

1. College of Pharmacy—accreditation reaffirmed for 8 years, through June 2021.
2. MSPAS Department—accreditation reaffirmed for 7 years, through March 2020.
3. College of Veterinary Medicine—accreditation reaffirmed for 7 years, through May 2020.
4. College of Podiatric Medicine—initial accreditation for 4 years, through October 2016.

For more information please go to:

<http://www.westernu.edu/oir-accreditation-documents>

Upcoming IRE Workshop: *And the surveys says...!! Asking questions the right way.*

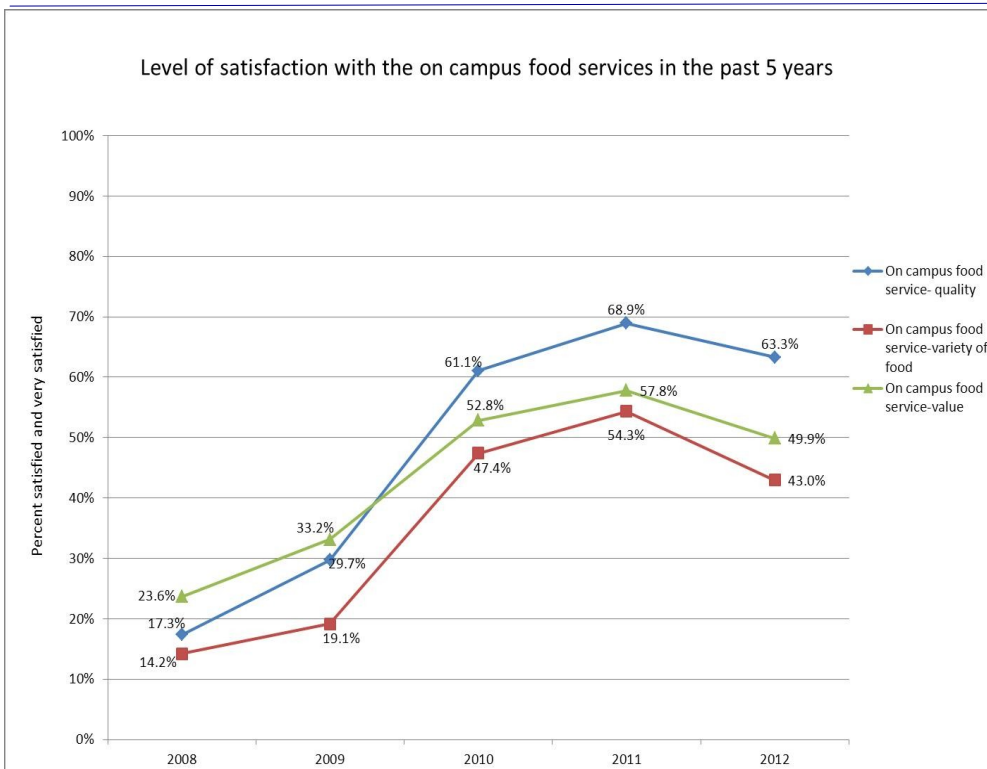
Who: Juan Ramirez, PhD, IRE Director and Alyssa De Santiago, MPH, CHES, Assessment Analyst

Where: Compatriot's Hall

When: Wednesday, June 19 at Noon

This workshop will introduce participants to the basics of writing reliable and valid survey items. Participants will learn about the fundamental structure of survey items (including methods for articulating good survey items), common pitfalls, survey organization, and reliability and validity. Participants are encouraged to bring with them real world survey items for analysis and discussion. Lunch will be provided. [Please register 24 hours in advance.](#) Lessons learned from this workshop may be useful for those involved in; Preceptor Surveys, Satisfaction Surveys, Employee Surveys, Student Surveys, and Alumni Surveys.

First Year Survey Trends: 2008–2012



Note: The table above is not part of a formal report.

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For more information, go to:

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