Welcome to the inaugural issue of the AIR newsletter!

As you know, a recent organizational restructuring created a new department – the Office of Analytics & Institutional Reporting – that we are calling AIR. Yes, we’ve heard all the funny jokes about our acronym...Hot Air, Air Heads, Clean Air...but we like Fresh AIR best because it captures the spirit and new direction of the department.

In addition to submitting reports to the state, AIR is responsible for providing daily reports to support operations and as-needed reports for special projects and strategic initiatives. And this is where you will start to see a fresh, new approach. Over the coming months the team will release dashboards and scorecards and interactive reports that bring our institutional data to life and make it easier for you to manage, track and analyze information that matters to you most.

Are you a faculty member curious as to whether the new TSI rules impacted enrollment in your math class? We are creating a tool that will help you explore this question.

Do you manage a budget? We are creating a series of financial reports to help you track encumbrances and see actuals-to-projections.

Are you involved in enrollment management efforts on your campus? A solution is being developed to support these efforts.

Our team of experienced analysts will help you research questions so you can make data-informed decisions. We are also working on ways to present information graphically so it’s easier to understand. Excited? We are too! This monthly newsletter is the first of many new services designed to bring fresh AIR to the college!

How do I make a data request? It’s easy!

1. Simply email us at SO-AIR@lonestar.edu.
2. Also, all AIR team members have a service request link in their email signature to make it easy to request data.
3. Click on the link and fill out the form. We’re looking forwarding to supporting you!

Texas State Reporting Update

Texas State Reporting continues to make great strides. The TSR team has been fully staffed since June 2014 and has certified 102 reports.

- LSC was the ONLY Community College to have Fall 2014 reports submitted error free BEFORE the due date.
Civitas is Coming

Data modeling. Analytics. Actionable insights.

If these terms are foreign to you now, they won’t be soon as Lone Star College begins its partnership with Civitas Learning to bring predictive analytics to the college. Using our institutional data, Civitas develops sophisticated data models that help us explore (for instance) which students are at risk of dropping out and why, what factors contribute to student attrition, and how effective intervention strategies are in addressing the problem.

Their predictive models are custom-built for Lone Star College and use advanced analytics to deliver insights (fancy way of saying “better understanding”) to guide initiatives in teaching, learning, student support and institutional operations. Civitas has our data now and is almost finished putting it into their Illume platform.

The next step is to validate the data and that should happen in the next few weeks. After that, they build our data models, deliver training and then we roll it out (probably in late March/early April)! You’ll get updates as work progresses.