

At the first meeting of the ASSIST OSCAR Advisory Committee on May 11, 2005, the committee discussed various aspects of the OSCAR system and recommended further work related to possible changes in OSCAR data elements and system functionality. During June, July, and August, Coordination Site staff worked with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, UCOP, and CSUCO to clarify potential changes.

The following is a summary of the changes being proposed by the committee:

1. Access to OSCAR Outline Information for CCC, CSU, and UC Articulation Officers
 - a. Augment the existing ASSIST Articulation Maintenance Reports web site to enable authorized university and college articulation personnel to view existing OSCAR Course Outline PDF reports that any colleges have submitted for any year. This access will facilitate various college and university articulation development and review processes
2. Changes to the OSCAR Campus Summary Page
 - a. Remove UCTCA, IGETC, CSU-GE and CSU AI tabs from Campus Summary Page (because they have become too confusing for too many users)
 - b. Provide a set of buttons on the sidebar that produce PDF summary reports of those courses submitted for UCTCA, IGETC, CSU-GE and CSU AI review
 - c. Improve the user interface on the Campus Summary Page to better support colleges entering high numbers of course outlines
3. Changes to the OSCAR Outline Editor Page
 - a. Remove the question that reads: "Are there components of this course that may be conducted via distance education?"
 - b. Change "Face-to-face lecture hours per week:" to "Lecture hours per term:"
 - c. Change "Face-to-face lab hours per week:" to "Lab hours per term:"
 - d. Remove the question that reads "Is this an honors course?"
 - e. Remove the text field labeled: "If this is an honors course, please describe how it is enriched beyond the regular course:"
 - f. Add a new text field labeled: "Advisories"
 - g. Add a new text field labeled: "Enrollment Limitations"
4. Changes to OSCAR Data Elements in the ASSIST Database:
 - a. Remove the "Telemediated Indicator" data element
 - b. Converting any existing lecture or lab hours-per-week data values to hours-per-term values
 - c. Remove the "Honors Level Indicator" data element
 - d. Copy any existing data from the "Honors Description" data element into the "Other Outline Information" data element and remove the "Honors Description" data element
 - e. Add a new data element for "Advisories"
 - f. Add a new data element for "Enrollment Limitations"
 - g. Update the "OSCAR Data Interface Specifications" document to communicate these changes for colleges that download data into OSCAR