Summary of the 2013 survey administration

Initial analysis indicates that strategic planning process is working well (“The UHCC system has a strategic plan that clearly and succinctly states its goals for future development” receives the highest ranking). The upward climb of scores in the Culture of Evidence section reflect increased attention by UHCC leadership and the positive effects of the recently instituted web-based analytical tools. These tools facilitated/enhanced system-wide data and information exchange and permitted easier, less labor-intensive, and by exception data and analysis revision by the colleges. The UHCC Annual Report of Program Data (ARPD) further increased attention to evidence with the introduction of common health calls for programs and website posting of results. System-wide initiatives such as Achieving the Dream (AtD) have increased attention to outcomes.

The 2013 score for the Strategic Focus, Planning and Resource Allocation section revealed a downward trend which may indicate that the results of the data analytics need to be more fully considered in the college planning context (“The UHCC system demonstrates its ability to stop doing things that are off mission, low-priority, and/or ineffective in promoting student persistence, learning, and attainment” scored the lowest). These results are consistent with comments received on Annual reports of Program Data (ARPD) survey of stakeholders (e.g CTE programs). Common issues appear to be lack of training on and familiarization of the data analytics. As an example of steps taken to resolve these issues, the UHCC IR Cadre have begun discussions on common templates/training documents for faculty and administrators. The full SPC will continue the review and discussion at their meetings.