

2016 APPRiSe Survey

Findings

Executive Summary

The survey's response rate was 32 percent, 24 out of the 76 APPRiSe users completed the survey. Ten respondents were associated with eight universities, 13 respondents were associated with 11 colleges, and one user did not specify an affiliation.

Some of the main findings of the survey are:

- The majority of the responders did not contact other colleges and/or universities in regard to the proposed programs added to the system.
- The main goals for those who contacted other institutions were coordination and collaboration (most common), finding out more information, and communication.
- Ninety six percent (23) of the survey respondents agreed that the APPRiSe system was useful in providing an early alert concerning the prospective implementation of new baccalaureate degree programs at Florida's colleges and universities.
- Sixty seven percent (8) of the survey respondents liked the system and had no substantive recommendations for improving it. Three other responses provided some suggestions for improvements to APPRiSe: 1) new provosts should be informed about the APPRiSe system, 2) more details related to the curriculum in the system would facilitate internal communication, and 3) it is unclear how objections or criticism regarding new prospective programs listed on APPRiSe are being handled.
- Since its inception users from seven universities and eight colleges added programs to the APPRiSe system.
- Users from eight universities and 11 colleges completed the APPRiSe survey.
- No users reported any technical difficulties in using APPRiSe.

Survey Results by Question

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Q1 - By phone, email, or other method outside of the APPRiSe, did you directly contact other colleges or universities regarding their proposed programs?

Sixty three percent (15) of the respondents noted that they did not contact other colleges and/or universities regarding a proposed program, while 37 percent (9) did contact other colleges and/or universities.

Q2: Which institution(s) did you contact?

- Four university users contacted one college (Santa Fe College) and other universities;
- Five state college users contacted three universities (FGCU, UCF, and USF) and other colleges.

Q3: What was the main purpose of the contact?

The most common purpose for the contact was coordination and collaboration (most common), finding out more information, and communication.

Q4: Please describe the outcomes, if any, of the communication.

The main outcomes of the APPRiSe system were enhanced communication and coordination across and within the systems.

Q5: Do you feel that the APPRiSe system is useful in providing an early alert concerning the prospective implementation of new baccalaureate degree programs at Florida's colleges and universities?

Ninety six percent (23) of the survey respondents found the APPRiSe system useful in providing an early alert concerning the prospective implementation of new baccalaureate degree programs at Florida's colleges and universities.

Q6: If yes, why? (How is the APPRiSe system useful to you?)

The most common cited reasons for the usefulness of the APPRiSe system were communication within and across the systems, as well as planning and coordination.

Q7: If no, why not? (How is the APPRiSe system not useful?)

One respondent noted that he is not familiar with the APPRiSe system and its purpose.

Q8: Did you have any difficulties with the APPRiSe system from a technical standpoint?

All respondents noted that no technical difficulties were encountered while using the system.

Q9: If yes, what was the technical difficulty and do you have any recommendations for fixing the technical difficulty?

No user encountered technical difficulties with the system.

Q10: Do you have any recommendations for making the APPRiSe system more useful?

Sixty seven percent (8) of the survey respondents liked the system and had no substantive recommendations for improving the system. Several other respondents had some suggestions for improvement:

- New provosts should be informed about the APRiSE system and its role and expectations for using it (one respondent).
- Inclusion of the curriculum for the proposed programs would facilitate internal communication (one respondent).
- It is unclear how objections or criticism regarding new prospective programs listed on APPRiSE are being handled (one respondent).

Q11: Are there any other comments you would like to add about the APPRiSe system?

Additional responses were positive and included the following:

- "very useful,"
- "continue to raise awareness and promote dialogue,"
- "a useful system that is regularly reviewed by administrators and staff,"
and

- “it is a useful tool that encourages transparency and collaboration.”