Good Ideas on Sharing NSSE Data

The following examples were offered by participants in the Regional NSSE Users Workshop at the University of Central Oklahoma, Oct. 6-7, 2005.

Sharing NSSE Data with Administration

* Don’t just send a report. Share results and schedule a time to meet with deans.
* Provost required deans & faculty to submit plans for improving NSSE scores.
* Added “group” variables to pop file, made it easier to id distance ed, departments later.
* Discussed multi-year comparison in a retreat.
* Involved marketing students in promotion survey and getting student feedback.
* Kept deans informed of their students in sample, templates of letters, and provided updates on their response rates.
* Created colorful brochure with graphs, tables of data of interest to campus, deans, VPs
* Formulate Student Affairs benchmarks to generate more interest in results.

Sharing NSSE Data with Faculty and Students

* Formed “Action Team” (faculty & staff) to help analyze results.
* Host lunch to discuss findings with faculty.
* Student Ambassadors met with FY classes, and SR capstones to discuss impact/importance of participation.
* Ads promoting survey & explaining results, placed in campus paper.
* College wide symposium on NSSE, with discussion groups.
* Involved student affairs to promote survey administration and to solicit students for focus group to examine survey results.
* Table tents with findings in dining halls.

Creating Action Plans for Sharing NSSE Data

* Relevancy. What data is most compelling for your campus, units, departments, students, student affairs, deans?
* Where might you look to improve?
* What campus initiatives might benefit from NSSE data?
* How can you use comparison group data to motivate reflection and action on your results?
* Can you look at your results relative to part performance and absolute standards and commit to getting better?
* What other institutional data can you link to NSSE results?
* Which results warrant further exploration?