

Technology and Distance Education Committee

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The committee established two overarching goals in September 2021:

1. Disseminate and evaluate enrollment data for a subsection of online programs (Applied, admitted, enrolled, graduation, and time to degree) from the perspective of diversity.
2. Obtain feedback from programs on the utility of data reports to determine how best to support online programs in recruiting and retaining diverse cohorts of students.

The following work was completed and goals will continue into next year.

1. Reviewed online programs and US News rankings, discussed how the scores can be used for improvement.
2. Collaborated with College sources (e.g., representatives from EduGator central) and across program areas to request and collect existing demographic data for review in selected programs.
3. Disseminated updated data reports to selected program areas (e.g., Ed Leadership, Dyslexia certificate, Ed Tech) with guiding questions for Program Coordinators to apply to their data. Representatives of Tech & DE committee discussed data during program meetings.
4. Obtained and discussed program area feedback related to these data. Analysis of feedback provided important insight into the usefulness (or not) of the data points provided and next steps to support online programs in accessing available data from college sources.
5. Determined next steps for the committee to build off of previous work (e.g., focus on applicant data rather than current students).

