LSAMP Data Science Internship

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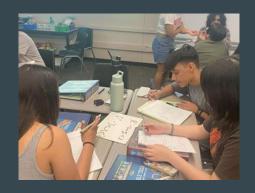
Outline

- 1. What is LSAMP?
- 2. Data Issues for LSAMP
- 3. Collecting Data for LSAMP's
 - a. Understand what is needed for reporting
 - b. Creating digital surveys/applications
 - c. Data Entry
 - d. Needing and requesting more data
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Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)

- ➤ LSAMP is a support program to increase the number of underrepresented students who receive bachelors degrees in STEM.
- ➤ The Summer Calculus Boot Camp (SCBC) is a program for incoming CSU, Chico freshmen, transfer students, and continuing students designed to improve their problem-solving abilities in a collaborative learning environment conducive to success in STEM.
- ➤ The data collected by/for the program is being used for required WebAmp reporting purposes.
- ➤ Funding comes from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Chancellor's Office of the CSU.





Program's Data Issues





Major Issues:

- ➤ Previous leadership didn't implement a systematic approach to collecting and reporting data.
- ➤ No digital data was previously available

Our Role:

- Assisting the new director develop & streamline data collection process
- Creating digital copies of all previous hard copies of data

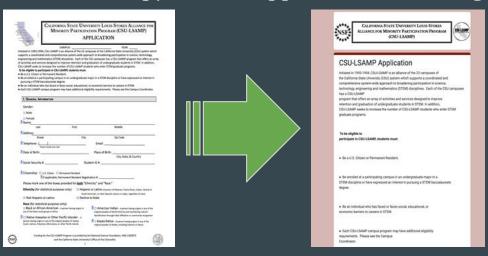
Step 1: Understand What is Needed for Reporting

- Reporting for LSAMP is done through WebAMP
- Not needing to do multiple years of reporting.
 - Previously, students did not keep track of when they joined the program, switched majors, etc.
- ➤ The IR request is to help us with determining the demographic information
 - Who are still in the program? students' degree progress? etc.

- ➤ The ALEKS data, our funding has been cut back over the past 5 years.
 - ALEKS data and math course data can help us make a case for more funding and support.
- A goal of the program would be to make a comparison of the LSAMP students with a similar population to gain an idea of the effectiveness of the program

Steps 2: Establishing Digital Surveys & Data Entry

- ➤ We took the paper copies of the LSAMP Application and SCBC Application, and made digital forms.
 - Streamlines data collection
 - Assists with future data analysis and needs
- Manually transferred hardcopy LSAMP application data to digital forms



Step 3: Needing More Data

- ➤ The hard copies of data that were available to us was not enough for reporting purposes
- > For this reason we had to reach out to other on-campus resources:
 - Institutional Research and Strategic Analytics (IRSA)
 - The Developmental Math Coordinator from the Department of Mathematics & Statistics

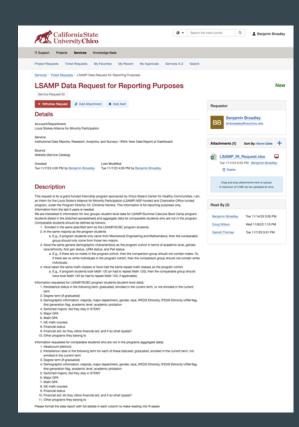
Step 3.1: Requesting Data from IR

Sending in a Ticket to IR:

- Developed a description of our data needs
- Create an excel sheet for IR to input data into

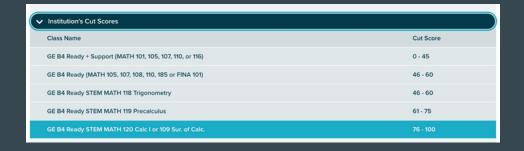
Set backs:

- > The first ticket had issues
 - Some of the data requested was not available
 - aspects of the excel sheet needed improvement or clarification



3.2: Requesting Aleks PPL Data

- ➤ Email was sent to the Developmental Math Coordinator to request Aleks PPL data with the intent of gaining insights about SCBC students such as:
 - Test Scores
 - Topics Mastered
 - Time spent studying







Current Status

- ➤ Waiting to receive more Aleks PPL data for 2019-2023 cohorts, more time is needed to receive full reports for each student
- Our revised IR ticket is ready to be re-submitted now that the questions and issues of the first ticket have been addressed, more time is needed to receive the data for reporting purposes
- ➤ Future data collection has been made possible through a more streamlined and established system
- ➤ Data that was available has been input into our digital applications and is ready for future use

Ending Statement

We have learned a lot about the data collection process from this experience. Previously we had only experience working with an established dataset, but building up the data collection process for a program was a completely new experience. We are proud to say that we have helped establish and streamline the building blocks of LSAMP's data collect and analysis, and that our work will play a key role in future reporting and possibly future development of the program.



THANK YOU!