Groups and forums

HEDIIP / HESA update

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1. Closure of the HEDIIP programme

The HEDIIP programme formally came to an end in June 2016 and all the projects in progress have been transferred to HESA to be delivered under the auspices of a new HE Data Landscape Steering Group. UCAS is a member of this Group.

 https://www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/data-landscape

The first meeting of the Steering Group is on the 4 November 2016.

HESA Data Landscape Projects

Two of the projects inherited by the HE Landscape Data Steering Group are of particular note at this time:

HECoS

The Higher Education Classification of Subjects is the replacement for JACS.

Activities planned for the next quarter include a final review of the analytical mapping between JACs and HECoS and also of the common aggregation hierarchy. Whilst HECoS is designed to be a flexible coding framework without mandated hierarchies, a common hierarchy is being put in place to provide analytical consistency in the Sector between organisations such as HEFCE, HESA & UCAS.

Final details of how the coding structure will be used to classify individual courses are also expected.

Regarding implementation of HECoS, the current thinking is that it will replace JACS for the 2019 UG admissions cycle. This means that the first collection of HECoS data by UCAS will be aligned to the collection of 2019 undergraduate course details.

UCAS will be talking to providers over the coming months about how it can provide support to them through the transition from JACS to HECoS.

The HESA implementation of HECoS will be done as part of their HESA Data Futures programme.

https://hediip.ac.uk/hecos-implementation/

Data Language Project

The data Language project is developing the specification for the new student data collection for the HESA Data Futures programme. UCAS is working with HESA to see how the data models we are developing and implementing for our new Marketing and Admissions services align with the HESA data models.

The data that UCAS is collecting in our new services is based on the interactions we are having with providers via visits and webinars, as well as with specific groups (such as the Data Group). We will continue to use the Data Group to help to specify requirements and review prototypes of our new services.

2. HESA Data Futures

Data Futures is HESA's programme of change to help to deliver a new HE data landscape.

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/data-futures

A key aspects of this is HESA's plans to move to a new data collection model and methodology for 2019/ 20, collecting data directly from providers throughout the year.

UCAS and HESA will be meeting over the next two months to understand the impacts of these changes on UCAS and the role it currently plays in helping providers make their HESA returns. By the next Data Group we should have a clear view of the situation and will report back.