

## FAEIS Newsletter - September 16, 2010



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### 2010 Surveys Begin Soon

In preparation for the upcoming reporting year, the FAEIS team would like to provide a brief overview of key dates for each survey. **All the surveys open on October 1, 2010.** The institutional contacts for the surveys will be notified when the surveys become available. Below are the five upcoming surveys and the notification and due dates.

Survey	Notification	Due Date
Fall 2010 College Survey	October 1st	December 1st
2010 Student Enrollment	December 1st	February 1st
2009/2010 Degrees Awarded	December 1st	February 1st
2009/2010 Placement of Graduates	December 1st	February 1st
2010 Faculty Survey	December 1st	February 1st

The surveys collect data on different aspects of student and faculty information. Additional information on the surveys is listed below.

- The College Survey reflects the Fall census for the current year. The survey collects Fall total enrollment by degree level; descriptions of non-degree programs; and a list of academic programs that have been added or dropped for the year.
- The Student Enrollment Survey reflects the Fall census for the current year. The survey collects Fall enrollment by degree level, discipline (CIP), gender, and ethnicity.
- The Degrees Awarded Survey collects degrees each academic year by degree level, discipline (CIP), gender, and ethnicity.
- The Placement of Graduates Survey collects data each academic year on the jobs that students receive after graduation, including the degree they received, the number of new graduates placed broken down by CIP program, and the place of work.
- The Faculty Survey collects data each Fall semester on faculty academic rank and tenure status, appointment type and percentage breakdown, the faculties' primary discipline (CIP), monthly salary, demographic information, and administrative position information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the FAEIS Staff at [faeis@vt.edu](mailto:faeis@vt.edu).

### Changes to the FAEIS Team



Joe Hunnings

Recently, [Joseph Hunnings](#), Data Analyst for FAEIS, was appointed Director of Planning and Reporting and Professional Development-Civil Rights Compliance in the [College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech](#). Joe joined FAEIS in 2006 and was responsible for data analysis, evaluation and website development and maintenance. Joe's most notable accomplishments include: leadership for development of several FAEIS marketing pieces, including a banner and brochure; creation of numerous website improvements, including pages demonstrating how users can use FAEIS data for reviewing trends, planning, and peer analysis; management and analysis of three annual user evaluations and the triennial user evaluation; and development of hundreds of custom FAEIS data reports for users. When asked about FAEIS Joe stated, "I have enjoyed my work on the FAEIS project and with my colleagues here at VA Tech and in NIFA. It was a pleasure serving FAEIS users across the country. It is a powerful system that should see greater use by universities." All questions regarding data analysis or report building should be directed to the Help Desk staff at [faeis@vt.edu](mailto:faeis@vt.edu).

***The FAEIS Team wishes Joe the best of luck with his future endeavors.***



Dr. Eric Smith

FAEIS is proud to introduce [Dr. Eric Smith](#) as a new co-principal investigator (PI) for FAEIS, joining co-PIs Drs. Mary Marchant and Tim Mack. Dr. Smith is a Professor and Chair of the [Statistics Department at Virginia Tech](#). He has been at VT since 1982 and served as the director of the former Statistical Consulting Center. Dr. Smith has worked on many projects related to agriculture, especially in the environmental areas. Currently he is working with faculty in the Crop, Soils and Environmental Science department on approaches to improving monitoring of wetlands and also has a project focusing on malaria. Eric enjoys spending time with his wife, three children and his two-week-old grandson. When asked about his up and coming involvement in FAEIS, Dr. Smith stated, "I am looking forward to working with FAEIS to improve the quality of the data that is available to the FAEIS community. The FAEIS database is a wonderful resource for analysis and interpretation and we will work to provide better answers to the needs of universities and students."



Dr. Eric Vance

FAEIS is also proud to introduce [Dr. Eric Vance](#) as the statistical liaison for FAEIS. Dr. Vance is an assistant research professor in Virginia Tech's Department of Statistics and is the director of [LISA \(Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis\)](#), which serves about 800 Virginia Tech faculty, staff, and students each year. LISA provides educational short courses on statistical topics for graduate students to apply in their research; walk-in consulting to answer quick statistical questions; statistical advice and analysis for researchers wanting to design experiments, collect data, use data to answer research questions, or interpret results; and statistical support for large, multidisciplinary research projects.

In 2008 Dr. Vance received his Ph.D. in Statistical Science from Duke University. After graduating from UC Berkeley with a triple major in math, economics, and statistics, and before attending graduate school, he traveled around the world for three and a half years through six continents and 67 countries. When asked about FAEIS, Dr. Vance stated, "I am excited that LISA will collaborate with the FAEIS team to develop statistical procedures to ensure the quality of the FAEIS data."

## Example of Custom Report

FAEIS Help Desk members develop custom reports that have informed higher education decision makers on the status of agricultural and life sciences education across the United States. A custom report was recently created for Dr. Maria E. Canabal, Chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Texas State University at San Marcos. Dr. Canabal wanted to compare the

enrollment of her department with peer institutions across the nation. A report was developed that listed the undergraduate and graduate enrollment, and degrees awarded of all the institutions involved in FAEIS. Below is a sample of the report that was created. Upon receiving the report, Dr. Canabal said *"This is excellent for my purpose!"*

Institution	College	Undergraduate Enrollment	Graduate Enrollment	Total Degrees Awarded
<b>Appalachian State University</b>	Department of Family and Consumer Sciences	404	14	60
<b>Auburn University</b>	College of Human Sciences	1088	93	277
<b>Ball State University</b>	Department of Family and Consumer Sciences	837	71	165
<b>Baylor University</b>	Department of Family and Consumer Sciences	865	25	83
<b>Bowling Green State University</b>	School of Family and Consumer Sciences	653	28	202
<b>Brigham Young University</b>	College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences	2916	187	1933
<b>California State University - Northridge</b>	Department of Family and Consumer Sciences	1041	155	200
<b>College of Saint Elizabeth</b>	Foods and Nutrition Department	57	26	12
<b>Colorado State University</b>	College of Applied Human Sciences	1767	156	523
<b>Cornell University</b>	College of Human Ecology	1305	196	368
<b>East Carolina University</b>	College of Human Ecology	1094	260	495

For the complete report [click here](#). If you would like to work with a FAEIS Help Desk member to develop a customized report click on the link below.

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