Our next meeting is September 20, 1:00-3:00. On the agenda so far, update on the benchmarking project, update on program review process up to that point, a discussion of the handouts on best practices, feedback on the Academic Support Program Review template (to be distributed prior to the meeting). Here’s the overall agenda for the year, from our May 3 meeting:

“Setting the 2007-2008 Agenda
Work on identifying issues in the outcomes of program review/data reports that may qualify for program improvement funds because there is money available. The task of the various deans group is to identify the themes/concerns that might be systemwide and for which money could be targeted.

The resulting IPRC discussion included concerns on identifying issues for program improvement funds, meeting the expectations of August 2006 systemwide wide workgroup (refining elements, setting benchmarks, identifying systemwide issues, and process for allocation), and types of issues/projects (external/internal) for which funds could be used, how IPRC communicates with other groups.

Several committee members commented that there is a need for documentation of the August 15th data, data definitions, procedures, etc. Additionally, we need to continue to look at revising/reducing the current number of quantitative indicators and identify elements that “really work” and pursue revising BOR and Executive policies as appropriate.

Best Practices
Louise Pagotto distributed documents which relate to both benchmarking and to best practices and stated that they were homework for next meeting. Members will also need to address how SLO data should/could be integrated into program review.”