

Team 6: Resources - research and data

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An Academic Plan micro-committee met to discuss what data and research should be provided to the campus community to inform discussions during the academic planning exercise. The committee recommends that we provide three types of information:

- enrolment and related data that illustrates the current situation at StFX;
- similar data about comparator institutions as a way to understand the broader context;
- best practice research or examples of innovative programs.

The committee also makes the following recommendations:

1. StFX and external data:

- Limit the amount of information provided in order to keep the exercise manageable. As much as possible, data should be presented in consistent, clear, and user-friendly formats in charts, graphs, and tables. More in-depth information can be shared through links to the academic plan website.
- Notes should be added to provide context and explain the limits of the data. The raw data will be linked to the Academic plan website for stakeholders wanting to investigate the data in more detail.
- Provide 5 years' worth of data.
- StFX information:
 - Full-time & Part-time Enrolment (all enrolment data as of October 1)
 - Enrolment by program
 - Enrolment by degree subject area (e.g., [MPHEC categories](#))
 - Students by geographic distribution (including international)
 - Enrolment of Indigenous student by self-declaration
 - Enrolment of African-Nova Scotian students by self-declaration
 - Retention rates by year-of-study
 - Information about graduate outcomes: StFX data from the MPHEC survey of Graduate Outcomes; compiled responses from CAR surveys.
 - Results from the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
- Regional/national information:
 - Regional enrolment, especially for similar-sized comparator institutions (AAU data)
 - National enrolment trends by types of programs (e.g. graduate and undergraduate)
 - National enrolment trends by subject area.
 - National enrolment trends for international students.

2. Best practice research and sample programs:

The Academic Plan [website](#) is a hub for information about the academic planning exercise. The website also includes resources and information about best practice and innovative

programs. Members of the campus community should be prompted to review the information on the site prior to the consultation sessions and also be invited to share resources that will be added to the site. The goal would be to create a growing virtual library of useful examples and information.