

Transparency Initiative Coordinating Committee
September 13, 2016

Members present: Ashley Kirzinger, Tim Triplett, Mandy Sha, Mary
Losch, John Loft, Ron Langley, Tim Johnson, Rich Morin

Others present: Dianne Rucinski

Minutes

1. Biennial Evaluation Report

Tim Triplett led committee members through a discussion of the biennial evaluation report.

- Twelve organizations are up for review in 2016
- Committee members will review the organizations on a rolling process, co-chairs will ask committee members to review the organizations
- Non-compliant reports will be reviewed by multiple committee members
- 30 days to complete review

2. Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) Alliance

Tim Johnson led the discussion on the DDI Alliance, an organization that has been around for about 20 years. The organization is interested in a mutual endorsement of each other's initiatives.

- Tim Triplett will follow up with Adam Safir
- Ashley Kirzinger and Tim Triplett will follow-up with DDI
- Contact AAPOR Council to see if mutual endorsement is possible

3. 2017 AAPOR Panel

- November 7, 2016 – Abstract Deadline for Panels, Papers, Methodological Briefs and Posters
- If anyone is interested, please contact Ashley or Tim.

4. Website Launch

- a. Going to occur on September 21st, work with Communications committee to help with the launch
- b. Emails to organizations who have completed at least an initial stage of application
- c. Highlight on Goucher College

For the sake of clarity...A profile of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College

Date joined: 10/21/2014

Director: Dr. Mileah Kromer

As the very first charter member of the Transparency Initiative, the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College demonstrates a strong commitment to the disclosure of research methods. As Director Kromer said, "We are a small shop that conducts a biannual poll-nevertheless, we provide the same disclosure information as the larger polling labs. Size doesn't matter, but disclosure does. I also view the TI as a credibility builder!"

The Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center was founded in the early 1950s from a grant provided by the Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation and later supported by a gift from the estate of Goucher College alumna Judge Hughes. The Center

sponsors a variety of activities designed to facilitate student involvement in governmental and political affairs, including the Goucher Poll which was started in 2012 under Dr. Kromer's directorship. Goucher students administer this survey in their 40-station CATI lab as part of the college's commitment to civic engagement and experiential learning. The dual-frame Goucher Poll draws upon a random sample of Maryland citizens to gauge perceptions towards important policy, social, and economic related issues. Results of the Goucher Poll are shared with members of the campus community to facilitate scholarly research as well as released to the media and community at large.

To see more from this organization, please visit the Spring 2016 [Goucher Poll](#).

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