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Comments Received:

I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I currently serve as an Assessment & User Experience Librarian at Elon University, and have served in other assessment capacities at the academic libraries at George Mason University and Florida State University. Providing data for the academic library portion really is essential for longitudinal purposes, and gives us great insight into trends in other academic libraries, as well as allows us to benchmark ourselves. It would be a grave mistake to remove this section, because it would not allow us to tell our varied stories with the data that we already collect and report on. In regards to how much time it takes to pull data for IPEDS, I have never found it to be any more time-consuming than what is already required for the Association of Research & College Libraries survey that is completed annually. Thank you for your consideration.