
University Senate

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Retention & Graduation Highlights

- UConn ranks among best publics for Storrs Freshmen rates *(Fall 2018 Statistics)*

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<th>UConn</th>
<th>Ranking</th>
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<td>First Year Retention</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Four Year Graduation</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Six Year Graduation</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Average Time to Degree</td>
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- Areas of achievement gaps include:
  - Underrepresented Minority students
  - Out of State and International students

- Regional Campuses six year graduation rates improved 10 points in 5 years

- Transfer student completion rates are high relative to national trends

Source: Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness
R&G Taskforce Subgroup Activity

**COMPLETION ANALYSIS**
- Identify and study first year leavers
  - Who are they?
  - Why do they leave?
  - Where do they go?
- Reinforced concerns regarding first generation, minority, male and international students
- Identified Reasons:
  - Financial, Health, Academic, Institutional Fit, Personal

**HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES**
- Assess UConn programs within the AAC&U framework of 11 HIPs
- Benchmark UConn programs in all 11 categories versus peer institutions
- Revealed the many strengths of UConn’s program, which influence high student success rates
R&G Strategic Plan Recommendations

• R&G taskforce structural enhancements, including an R&G steering committee
• Create data rich environment: Identify and deploy student success system
• Coordinate utilization of student success system
• Pursue enhanced analyses to identify students at risk for attrition, and appropriately refer/engage with them
• Scale initiatives to address regional campus and transfer students
• Enhance access to performance metrics for campus leaders
# Financial Aid for Undergraduates

## Financial Aid: All Campuses (Fall 2016-Fall 2018)

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<td># Recipients</td>
<td>11,321</td>
<td>11,602</td>
<td>11,743</td>
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<td>Average Gift Aid</td>
<td>$7,653</td>
<td>$8,395</td>
<td>$9,147</td>
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<td># Need-Based Recipients</td>
<td>9,193</td>
<td>9,361</td>
<td>9,404</td>
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<td># Merit-Only Recipients</td>
<td>2,128</td>
<td>2,241</td>
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<td>Total Gift ($)*</td>
<td>$88.6M</td>
<td>$98.5M</td>
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<td>$68.1M</td>
<td>$76.3M</td>
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<td>$19.2M</td>
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*Total Gift $ reflects EPM controlled need and merit-based aid allocation.
**Represents expenditures as of fall census date.

Source: Office of Student Financial Aid Services
QUESTIONS?