2020-2021 Annual Report on Retention and Graduation
University Senate

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Retention & Graduation Highlights

• UConn ranks among best publics for **Storrs First Year** rates (*Fall 2020 Statistics*)

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<th>Fall 2020 Stats</th>
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<td>First Year Retention</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>Four Year Graduation</td>
<td>73%</td>
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<td>Six Year Graduation</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Average Time to Degree</td>
<td>4.2 years</td>
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– Areas of **achievement gaps** include:
  • Underrepresented Minority students – gap is most prevalent at 4th year
  • Out of State and International students – gap is most prevalent after first year
  • Male students – gap is most prevalent at 4th year

• **Regional Campuses** overall completion rates steady with last year. Some slippage and growth in pockets.

• **Transfer student** completion rates are high relative to national trends. But evident that effective four-year completion is not a reality for transfer students.

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

• Executive Committee
  Focused on identification/intervention of unregistered students amid the pandemic

• Student Engagement Committee
  Integration with LTE, as R&G Champions among the conversation.

• Research Committee
  Activity: Digesting 60-second survey results, improving leadership dashboard, identification of student success predictors
  Recommendation: Establish better, more disciplined, methodology to answering research questions

• Undergraduate Enrollment & Fiscal Services Committee
  Activity: Identify leavers and students with high credit count, and no degree, and intervention/communication methods
  Recommendation: Enhance staffing of retention efforts, appoint a cross divisional group to guide efforts of these staff
R&G Taskforce Other Activity

- **Joint Taskforce Summits**
  - Fall Meeting
  - Spring Meeting

- **APLU Powered by Publics Initiative**
  Focus on mentorship to address first generation and male achievement gaps

- **Retention Leadership Dashboard**
Financial Aid
Covering Financial Need

- Undergraduate students present gross financial need of $341M
- 45% of gross financial need is met with gift aid
- Students cover an additional 27% with self help, including loans and a small amount of work study
- Remaining unmet need is 28%

Students make up through a variety of means:
- College Savings Plans
- Personal payments
- Other outside assistance
QUESTIONS?

Want to join the R&G Taskforce?

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