



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*)

Fall 2020 Stats	UConn	Rank
First Year Retention	93%	16
Four Year Graduation	73%	7
Six Year Graduation	85%	18
Average Time to Degree	4.2 years	6

- 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.

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**

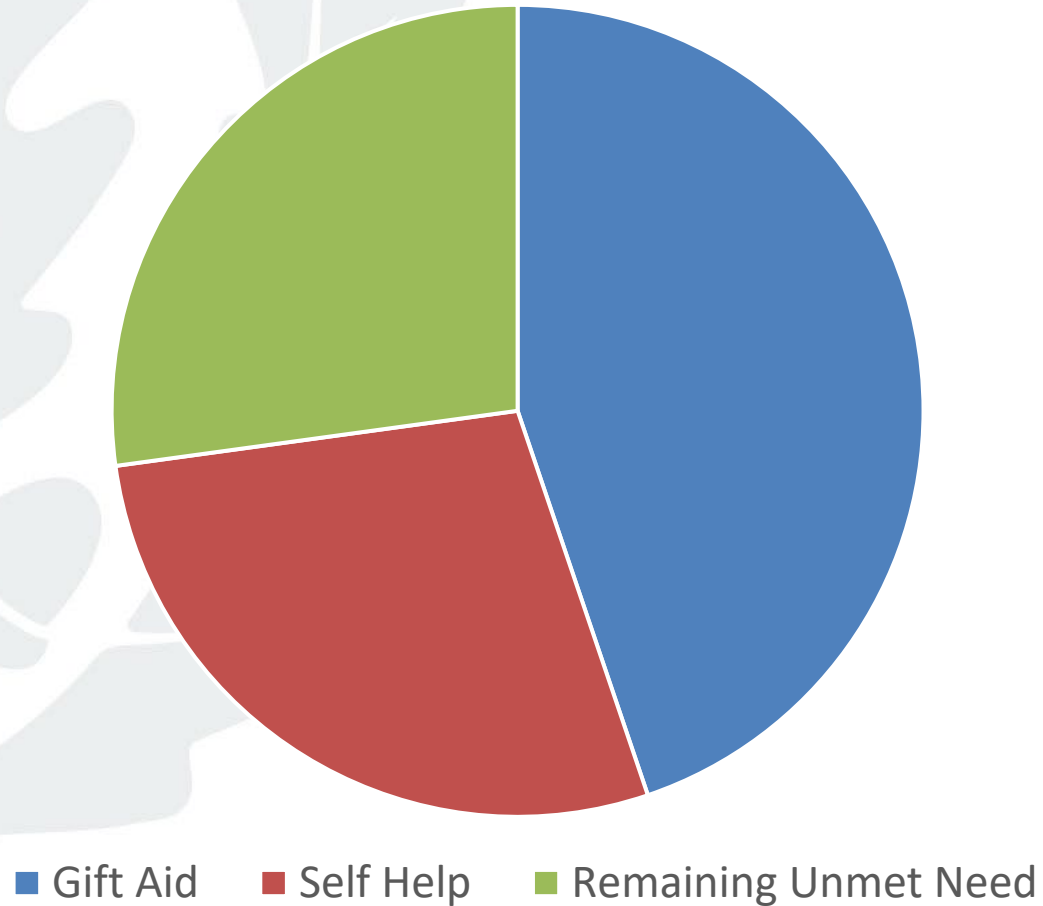
Focus on mentorship to address first generation and male achievement gaps

- **Retention Leadership Dashboard**

Financial Aid

Covering Financial Need

All Undergraduates



- 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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