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Re: Graduation and Retention Rates

New Cohorts Included

Enclosed are the latest official graduation and retention rates for undergraduates. These trend data include official rates for the following cohorts:

- Fall 2010 full-time first-time freshmen, six-year graduation rates
- Fall 2011 full-time undergraduate transfers-in, five-year graduation rates
- Fall 2015 full-time first-time freshmen, one year retention rates (entered fall 2015, still enrolled fall 2016)

Graduation Rates

Graduation rate tables include:

- Six-Year Graduation Rates by Race and Ethnicity (Full-time First-time)
- Six-Year Graduation and Continuation Rates by Race and Ethnicity (Full-time First-time)
- Five-Year Graduation and Continuation Rates by Race and Ethnicity (Transfers)

Below are graduation rate highlights:

- Our six-year graduation rate declined, in particular, for white undergraduates, and with some pronounced gender differences.
 - The fall 2010 entering cohort six-year graduation rate for full-time first-time freshmen is 58%. This is a drop from 60% for the fall 2008 and fall 2009 cohorts.
 - The rate declined for white undergraduates (57% down from 63%) but improved slightly for African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American undergraduates.
 - Hispanic women have a significantly higher graduation rate compared to Hispanic men (60% vs. 50%).
 - Hispanic and African-American undergraduates are slightly more likely to still be enrolled at UIC after six-years (5.2% and 4.5% vs. 3.8% overall).
 - African-American undergraduates are much more likely to drop-out with poor standing (41% of cohort, vs. 22% overall). The same is true of Hispanic undergraduates to a lesser degree (26%).

- Our five-year graduation rate for the fall 2011 cohort of transfers is 76.4%, higher than the fall 2010 cohort (74.8%) and similar to the fall 2009 cohort (77.1%).

One-Year Retention Rates

Retention rate tables include:

- One-Year Retention Rates by Race and Ethnicity (Full-time First-time)
- One-Year Retention Rates by Race and Ethnicity and Gender (Full-time First-time)
- One-Year Retention Rates by College at Entrance (Full-time First-time)

Below are retention rate highlights:

- Our one-year retention rate declined, in particular, for African-American undergraduates.
 - The fall 2015 entering cohort one-year retention rate for full-time first-time freshmen is 80.0%. This is a drop from 81.5% for the fall 2014 cohort and is similar to the 79.7% rate for the fall 2013 cohort.
 - The rate declined precipitously for African-American undergraduates (70.2% down from 81.7%) but either held steady or changed slightly for other racial and ethnic groups.
 - Undergraduates entering the College of Engineering have the highest retention rate, both for retention within their college (82.9%) and overall retention at UIC (87.2 %).

Interactive tables of retention and graduation rates will be updated on the Office of Institutional Research website (<http://www.oir.uic.edu/>) to allow for additional analyses.

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