Success & Progress Rate

A better way to report student progress & completion

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Background

• Federal graduation rate incomplete, misleading
  – *Includes only first-time, full-time students who graduate from initial institution*

• A better measure is needed
  – *Provide fair, accurate picture of student progress and completion*
  – *Support internal decision-making*
  – *Correct external misperceptions of “drop out” rate*
Success & Progress Rate

• Developed in 2008 as part of the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA)
• Uses data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC)
• Can be utilized by any NSC participating university
  – Student Tracker “Cohort Query”
Characteristics of S&P Tool

• Tracks enrollments, completions across multiple institutions

• Can be used with any student group – e.g., transfer students, adult students, veterans, Pell-grant recipients, first-time/full-time

• Provides 4, 5, and 6 year snapshots of outcomes
Outcomes Reported

• **Graduated** from original institution
• **Transferred/Graduated** from subsequent institution
• **Still Enrolled** at original institution
• **Transferred/Enrolled** at subsequent institution
Fall 2005: First-time, Full-time Students

- **After 6 years**: 43% Graduated: FIU, 13% Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution, 13% Enrolled: FIU, 11% Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution, Total: 81%
- **After 5 years**: 34% Graduated: FIU, 11% Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution, 24% Enrolled: FIU, 14% Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution, Total: 82%
- **After 4 years**: 16% Graduated: FIU, 7% Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution, 46% Enrolled: FIU, 16% Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution, Total: 85%
## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

### First-Time, Full-Time Students

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<td>% Graduated from FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY with 4-year degree</td>
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| % Enrolled at FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY                             | 97.7%   | 78.5%   | 64.8%   | 45.8%   | 24.0%   | 13.4%   |
| % Enrolled at other 4-year institutions                                     | 0.1%    | 9.3%    | 14.1%   | 14.4%   | 12.3%   | 9.4%    |
| % Enrolled at other 2-year institutions                                     | 0.0%    | 1.4%    | 1.9%    | 1.7%    | 1.3%    | 1.4%    |
| Total % Enrolled                                                            | 97.8%   | 89.2%   | 80.8%   | 61.9%   | 37.6%   | 24.2%   |

| Student Success & Progress                                                  | 98.2%   | 91.7%   | 87.0%   | 84.7%   | 82.2%   | 81.0%   |
Benefits of S&P

• More inclusive, fair, accurate measure of student progress, success
  – *Tool for internal decision-makers*
  – *Better informs external stakeholders*
  – Ability to benchmark with other institutions
  – *Demonstrates accountability, transparency to consumers - as part of VSA*
How to Utilize S&P

• VSA institutions
  – Contact College Portrait administrator on campus or VSA staff
  – New for 2013: report customized cohorts

• Non-VSA institutions
  – Contact National Student Clearinghouse

• Student Achievement Measure project
More Information

College Portrait website:  www.collegeportraits.org

Reports & Presentations:  www.voluntarysystem.org

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