PRESIDENT OBAMA’S COLLEGE SCORECARD

Announced by President Obama in his State of the Union Address, the Department of Education released their College Scorecard. The College Scorecard is part of President Obama’s effort to hold colleges accountable for cost, value, and quality, and to help prospective students choose schools that are well-suited to their needs.

The College Scorecard analyzes individual institutions in four major areas: Net Cost, Graduation Rate, Loan Default Rate, and Median Borrowing Amount. Below, we compare UW to other public institutions in Washington State, and to UW’s state-defined Global Challenge Peer Institutions (a selection of flagship universities with medical schools).

**Net Cost**

The UW net price for academic year 2010-11 is listed at $8,739 and the net price decreased 0.2% between 2007 and 2009. In comparison with other institutions, this is considered low.

The Department of Education defines the net price as “the average yearly price actually charged to first-time, full-time undergraduate students receiving student aid at an institution of higher education after deducting such aid.”

In the College Scorecard, the institutions average net price is displayed with an indication of how it compares (low, medium, or high) with average net prices among institutions that primarily grant the same level of award. For example, the comparison group for an institution that primarily awards bachelor’s degrees is all institutions that primarily award bachelor’s degrees.

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Graduation Rate

The UW has a six-year graduation rate of 79.6% based on 2008 data. In comparison with other institutions, this is considered high.

The graduation rate displayed is for first-time, full-time degree or certificate-seeking students who began at the institution. For primarily bachelor’s degree-granting institutions, the graduation rate displayed is for students beginning in Fall 2005 and seeking a bachelor’s degree. Washington state has a strong community college system and transfer process so many of our 4-year graduates are transfer students. Because of the way the Department of Education counts graduates in this category – those that have never been enrolled in college before – we believe that the graduation rates for Washington state schools is a bit skewed. This may explain why UW does not do as well in this category against our Global Challenge Peers.

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**Loan Default Rate**

The UW has a loan default rate of 3.1%. This is much lower than the national average of 13.4%.

The Department of Education measures the institution’s three-year Federal student loan cohort default rate. This is the percentage of an institution’s borrowers who entered repayment on certain Federal student loans in federal fiscal year 2009. All of our in-state 4-year institutions and Global Challenge Peers are below the national average.

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## Median Borrowing

The typical amount a family of a student at UW borrows for their undergraduate education is $15,458 in Federal Loans. This leaves them with a Federal loan payment over 10 years of approximately $177.89 per month. This is right on the low/medium line for comparable institutions.

The data used to calculate the median amount of Federal student loans borrowed by students for their undergraduate study is from the US Department of Education’s National Student Loan Data System. Data represent all undergraduate borrowers who graduated or withdrew from the institution between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. All Federal loans for undergraduate study, including Parent PLUS loans, are included for this cohort of borrowers.

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