#### **BOARD OF REGENTS**



SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION

**TOPIC**: Student Financial Assistance Report

**COMMITTEE**: Education Policy and Student Life

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: May 21, 2014

<u>SUMMARY</u>: Financial aid has been identified as a critical issue for the Board of Regents this academic year. During the Board retreat on October 3, 2013, Board Chairman, Jim Shea, requested that the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life examine the full complexities of financial aid and return with recommendations as to how the Board can address financial aid in ways that will assist students in their efforts to enroll in and persist through USM institutions.

The following report is the culmination of this year's work and incorporates the thinking, expertise, and suggestions of institutional financial aid directors, USM staff, and the regents. Today, the Committee will receive the draft report. Regents are encouraged to submit final recommendations or suggestions for incorporation into the report by the June 3, 2014 EPSL meeting. During the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Committee will vote to present the report to the Committee of the Whole during its meeting on June 27, 2014.

<u>ALTERNATIVE(S)</u>: This is an information item only.

**FISCAL IMPACT**: This is an information item only; there is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**: This is an information item only.

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## **Student Financial Assistance**

Report to the University System of Maryland

**Board of Regents** 

Submitted by:

USM Board of Regents Committee on Education Policy and Student Life

May 14, 2014

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In support of the Governor's call to increase degree completion, the Board of Regents has been examining the key factors that contribute to reaching the State's college completion goal¹. Having identified affordability as one of these factors, the Board engaged in a discussion about financial aid and strategies for using aid to increase degree completion. The discussion at the Board's annual retreat in October 2013 resulted in agreement that the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) would, over the course of the academic year, review the recommendations of the 2004 USM Financial Aid Task Force, the progress toward the stated goals, as well as propose or revise recommendations that will significantly impact USM's and Maryland's strategic goal of degree completion.

As Chancellor Kirwan stated at the retreat, "We face a clear challenge and responsibility: education is the remedy to our social equity/social mobility challenge and need-based financial aid is a primary remedy for our higher education retention/completion challenge."

It was within the context of responding to these challenges and responsibilities, supporting the State's college completion goal, the review of the effectiveness of the 2004 Task Force recommendations, and the impending Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, that the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life discussed and developed their recommendations.

## **Summary of Recommendations**

Proposed 2014 Recommendations from the Board of Regents' Committee on Education Policy and Student Life are as follows:

## I. Undergraduate Student Loan Debt

- a) Low-income (Pell-eligible) students should continue to graduate with at least 25% less debt than their peers.
- b) Average undergraduate debt at graduation should not exceed one year of the undergraduate, full-time cost of attendance.
- c) Maryland residents should have less debt than the overall institutional averages, and, when possible, maintain the same debt ratio of less debt for low-income students.
- d) At a minimum, the institutional three-year cohort default rate should be at or below the State's average.

## II. Strategic Use of Institutional Aid for Undergraduate Students

- a) Institutions should continue working to achieve or maintain a balance of merit and need-based institutional aid.
- b) Institutions should strengthen institutional aid and other sources of aid for students transferring from Maryland Community Colleges.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By 2025, at least 55% of the State's citizens age 25-64 will hold at least one degree, either the associate's or bachelor's, which would represent an 11-point increase over the State's current attainment rate of 44%.

## III. Strengthen Graduate and Professional School Student Aid

- a) USM should advocate for policies that extend fair borrowing terms to graduate and professional school students.
- b) Institutions should strategically use institutional aid to support the degree mix needed for the workforce of Maryland.

# IV. Enhance Financial Literacy Programs for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional School Students

- a) Institutions should establish or enhance financial aid literacy initiatives that are informed by best practices to educate students early and often about the impact of incurring varying amounts of debt.
- b) USM should work with the institutions to develop online financial aid literacy education modules.

#### V. Assessment

a) The Board of Regents should continue to monitor the progress of meeting the established goals through a biennial report.

## VI. Further Study

a) USM should consider the efficacy of requiring students to complete loan debt education.

## **Education Policy and Student Life Committee Review**

Following a mid-term progress report on the 2004 recommendations made in the original Report of the Financial Aid Task Force, the USM Board of Regents' Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) made the 10-year review of financial aid a priority for the 2014 fiscal year. Beginning in FY 2014, the Board of Regents discussed the strategic use of financial aid, specifically institutional aid, and how it can impact degree completion. Further review of the financial aid recommendations were discussed during regularly scheduled EPSL committee meetings and with financial aid officers from USM institutions. Feedback into this process was also gathered from institutional provosts and vice presidents for student affairs. After extensive review and data analyses, this report summarizes the EPSL recommendations for the following four broad areas:

1) undergraduate student loan debt, 2) strategic use of institutional aid for undergraduate students, 3) graduate and professional school student aid, and 4) financial aid literacy.

## I. Undergraduate Student Loan Debt

Over the last decade, undergraduate student loan debt has received a great deal of national attention. In March 2014, as part of the preparation for the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on "Strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for Borrowers" where the Committee heard testimony from experts on financial aid policy and higher education financial aid professionals. It is not at all surprising that the Committee found that there is an urgent need to consider how best to move forward when we consider that the aggregate student loan debt has reached over \$1 trillion.

Although USM public institutions, in partnership with the State, strive to keep tuition and fees costs low, the total cost of education may be unaffordable without financial aid. Tuition and mandatory fees are only a fraction, less than 40%, of the entire cost of attendance for a student. The larger costs required to complete a college degree include room & board, books, supplies, and other living expenses.

In addition to scholarships and grants, student loans are an essential part of the overall financial aid package for students. Without access to student loans, students would be financially unable to attend the universities. However, the total loan debt upon graduation remains a concern for USM.

## a) & b) Low-Income (Pell-eligible) Students

As cited in the 2004 Task Force Report, USM was very concerned about growing debt balances specifically for low-income students. Whereas higher-income families may be able to assist with post-graduation college debt, the lower-income families are unable to do so. Therefore, the 2004 Task Force recommended Pell-eligible students have 25% less debt than their non-Pell eligible peers. The USM Board of Regents reiterates its support of this recommendation and encourages USM institutions to continue to ensure that low-income (Pell-eligible) students continue to graduate with at least 25% less debt than their peers (See Table 1).

| Table 1         | Graduating Debt from USM |             |        |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Freshmen Cohort | Non-Pell                 | <u>Pell</u> | % Less |  |  |  |
| Fall 2004       | \$ 31,885                | \$ 24,878   | 22%    |  |  |  |
| Fall 2005       | \$ 32,655                | \$ 25,115   | 23%    |  |  |  |
| Fall 2006       | \$ 34,685                | \$ 25,272   | 27%    |  |  |  |
| Fall 2007       | \$ 36,407                | \$ 26,744   | 27%    |  |  |  |

In addition to ensuring that low-income students graduate with less debt, the Board of Regents found it essential that all students graduate with manageable debt. Given that debt could rise steeply while still maintaining the original '25% less debt' ratio between low-income students and their peers, the Board of Regents recommends that average undergraduate debt at graduation not exceed one year of the undergraduate, full-time cost of attendance. Currently, the USM overall debt average balances held by graduating students are approximately similar to the most recent cost of attendance figures (see Appendix Table I), and these graduation debt amounts are similar to the price of a new car. The rationale for this recommendation is that through the utilization of non-loan financial aid, the student/family resources, and financial management strategies, students would be able to cover three of the four years of a bachelor's degree education leaving only one quarter of the total four-year bachelor's degree cost of attendance financed through student loan debt. Further, given that the median expected earnings of the 2013 graduates were in the mid-\$40,000 range, then the current monthly payment would be less than 10% of the students monthly gross earnings (See Appendix, Tables II and III) as defined by the federal Income-Based Repayment Program (See Appendix, Table IV).

#### In-state Students

Institutions should also monitor that the average graduating debt is approximately one year of the cost of attendance for instate students. As seen in Table 2, not only are in-state students graduating with less debt than the USM overall, the low-income students are also graduating with 25% less debt. The Board of Regents recommends that Maryland residents have less debt than the overall institutional averages, and, when possible, maintain the same debt ratio of less debt for low-income students. These ratios held for in-state new freshmen (Table 2), but not for Maryland Community College transfers (Table 3). Although transfer students graduated with less debt than all new freshmen (in-state and overall), this does not account for debt incurred prior to transfer. Institutions should monitor transfer student debt especially for low-income students.

| Table 2                                  | Graduating Debt from USM |             |        |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>In-state Resident Freshmen Cohort</b> | Non-Pell                 | <u>Pell</u> | % Less |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 2004                                | \$ 27,352                | \$ 20,426   | 25%    |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 2005                                | \$ 27,486                | \$ 21,345   | 22%    |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 2006                                | \$ 29,315                | \$ 20,925   | 29%    |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 2007                                | \$ 30,357                | \$ 22,438   | 26%    |  |  |  |  |

Table 3 Graduating Debt from USM

|   |    |         |              | <u>%</u> |
|---|----|---------|--------------|----------|
| <b>MD Community College New Transfer Cohort</b> | N  | on-Pell | Pell         | Less     |
| FY 2005   | \$ | 18,760  | \$<br>19,053 | -2%      |
| FY 2006   | \$ | 19,582  | \$<br>18,784 | 4%       |
| FY 2007   | \$ | 19,358  | \$<br>19,116 | 1%       |
| FY 2008   | \$ | 20,886  | \$<br>19,657 | 6%       |
| FY 2009   | \$ | 21,707  | \$<br>20,945 | 4%       |
| FY 2010   | \$ | 22,456  | \$<br>21,477 | 4%       |

## a) Affordability

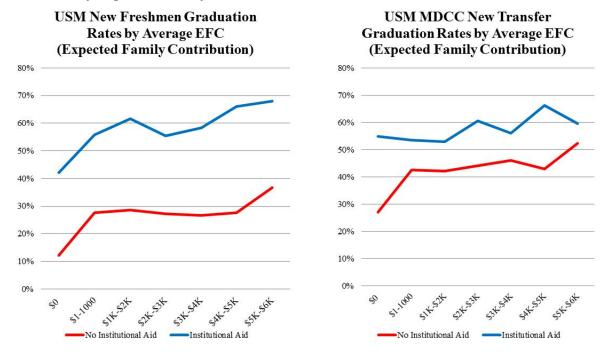
The original recommendation from the FY 2004 Financial Aid Task Force was that the USM institutions should be at the 75th percentile in need met compared to their peer institutions. However, given that awarding practices and fund sources vary by state, this recommendation created a standard that worked against the other recommendations to control debt and use financial aid strategically. For example, other states and institutions might use loans to meet need thereby increasing the percentage of need met working against the goal to decrease debt. Consequently, the System needs a better gauge of college affordability.

College affordability is most often associated with the cost of attendance. In addition, the amount of debt at graduation reflects the affordability. Graduates should be able to afford the student debt, and a low default rate would indicate both affordable debt as well as gainful employment. The Board of Regents recommends that, at minimum, the institutional three-year cohort default rate be at or below the State's average (currently 12.8%). (See Appendix, Table V) It is recognized that there is little institutional control over the amount of loan debt a student chooses to incur. It is, however, incumbent on the institution to counsel students on how certain choices in personal financial management may impact their total debt and how to calculate their projected debt repayment amounts. In addition, students should be made aware of federal programs that will assist students in the repayment of debt. These programs include the financial hardship Income-Based Repayment program as well as loan forgiveness for public service (PSLF).

## II. Strategic Use of Institutional Aid for Undergraduate Students

Effective use of institutional aid is critical to achieving USM strategic goals. While federal and state grant programs provide defined awards that cannot be redistributed based on institutional analyses of a student's need, institutions may award different amounts of institutional aid to seemingly similar students (under federal regulations). As discussed at the Board of Regents retreat, students at the same income level (as measured by Expected Family Contribution) were more likely to have earned a degree if they received institutional aid (See Illustration 1).

Illustration 1. Graduation Rates for New Freshmen and Maryland Community College Transfers by Expected Family Contribution



This can be at least partially attributed to the fact that USM financial aid officials were carefully assessing the needs of the students and offering the appropriate amount needed to retain the student. This practice allowed more dollars to be distributed to more students, as aid was not expended through defined award amounts.

## b) Balancing Need and Merit Institutional Aid

One strategic allocation of institutional aid is through the awarding of need-based awards. In FY 2004, only 20% of the institutional aid dollars were awarded to students as need-based grants. It was recommended that institutions increase need-based awards and create a better balance. The institutional aid balance has improved with nearly 40% of institutional aid awarded in need-based aid. It should be noted that this percentage does not reflect the merit, mission or athletic aid that is awarded to students with financial need. The USM Board of Regents recommends that institutions should continue working to achieve or maintain a balance of merit and need-based institutional aid. (See Appendix, Table VI)

Institutional Aid for Maryland Community College Transfers

Over the past ten years, transfers to USM have increased significantly. The majority of transfers come through the Maryland community college pipeline. As of FY 2013, the number of new Maryland community college transfers is equal to the number of new first-time, full-time new freshmen. It is clear that an increasing proportion of degrees granted will come through this pipeline. Further, it has been found that graduation rates are similar between first-time, full-time new freshmen and transfers who attend full-time, transfer with more credits (45+), and/or attend regional center programs.

Increasing financial support for Maryland transfers was a priority in FY 2004, and using institutional aid to encourage students to make decisions that increase the likelihood of degree attainment is another strategic use of institutional aid. Specifically, it was found that the lower-income students were more successful via the transfer route overall but that they were most successful when awarded institutional aid. The Board of Regents recommends that institutions strengthen institutional aid and other sources of aid for students transferring from Maryland Community Colleges.

During the 2014 legislative session, at the suggestion of and with strong support from the USM and the Maryland community colleges, the Maryland General Assembly approved and funded "2+2" transfer grants to aid Maryland Community College graduates who intend to transfer to a senior institution. These grants are designed to encourage transfers to achieve the benchmarks found to increase degree attainment. In addition, these grants will further bolster the Maryland Community College pipeline, making it an affordable option for Maryland residents.

## II. Strengthen Graduate and Professional School Student Aid

Graduate education covers a wide array of degrees and student intentions. Graduate education ranges from short-term master's programs to long-term research doctoral programs to medical, law and other professional programs. The funding available for graduate students reflects this variation. For example, many master's graduate students might be funded through employer tuition assistance. Many doctoral students and some master's students are funded through assistantships that include a work stipend and tuition remission. Finally, professional students may only be funded through loans but work toward well-compensated careers.

One common source of funds that connects all types of graduate students is loans. As the national focus has steered toward undergraduate college completion, graduate students have often been slighted in funding benefits such as subsidized loans and lower interest rates. The original task force recommendation was to direct low-interest Perkins loans towards graduate students, but this small funding source is insignificant compared to the nearly half-billion dollars borrowed yearly. Furthermore, as of July 1, 2012 graduate students are no longer eligible for subsidized direct loans, and except for students in certain health professions, the unsubsidized direct loan limits have been decreased. In addition, the current interest rate for the unsubsidized direct loan to undergraduates is 3.86%, while the graduate student rate is 5.41%. The Board of Regents recommends that the USM advocate for policies that extend fair borrowing terms to graduate and professional school students.

It is important to produce a strategic degree mix for the state of Maryland and its workforce. While graduate students depend on loans to complete their educational objectives, non-loan sources of aid are also important for graduate students. Where possible, institutions extend assistantship opportunities to graduates where the source of funds comes from research grants or the institution. The Board of Regents recommends that institutions strategically use institutional aid to support the degree mix needed for the workforce of Maryland.

# III. Enhance Financial Literacy Programs for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional School Students

Finally, financial aid literacy is the tool that connects the previous recommendations. Financial aid literacy includes the full understanding of the impact financial decisions have on a student's future. Tuition and fees comprise less than half of the cost of attendance for an undergraduate, in-state student. Other related educational expenses comprise the majority of the costs to attend higher education. Many of those costs can be minimized or avoided by students through careful analyses of personal budgets and living decisions.

For graduate and professional school students, many of whom have other personal financial obligations and in some cases have already incurred debt from their undergraduate degrees, it is critical that they be apprised of repayment options, and, other sources of funds.

When debt must be incurred, all students should carefully consider the average expected wages at graduation, specifically for the chosen academic programs of study, to better understand the affordability of debt. As reported to the Board in October 2010, institutions have in place: financial aid workshops, course units, and web-based information. (See Appendix, Chart A) These are important and effective strategies, however, there is more that can and should be done.

It is imperative that financial aid counseling and information be delivered to students and their families in an accessible and timely manner. For undergraduates, this education begins well before their first matriculation and continues throughout their enrollment and graduation. It is also important that graduate and professional school students receive the appropriate counseling prior to incurring loan debt and information about the projected repayment amount and options prior to completion. Therefore, the Board of Regents recommends that institutions establish or enhance financial aid literacy initiatives that are informed by best practices to educate students early and often about the impact of incurring varying amounts of debt. Additionally, the USM should work with the institutions to develop online financial aid literacy education modules.

## IV. Conclusion and Next Steps

As the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act unfolds, the USM must continue to monitor the issues of college completion and student financial assistance, advocate for strengthening the availability of financial assistance for all students, and continually evaluate the progress on meeting the 2004 Task Force recommendations and the new goals set forth in this report. The Board of Regents should continue to monitor the progress of meeting the established goals through a biennial report. In addition, the USM should consider the efficacy of requiring students to complete loan debt education.

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FY 2014 Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

| Table I.          |    | On Campus Student |     |              | Off Campus Student |          |    |          |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|-----|--------------|--------------------|----------|----|----------|
| Full-Time Student | R  | <u>esident</u>    | Non | Non-Resident |                    | Resident |    | Resident |
| Bowie             | \$ | 20,107            | \$  | 30,674       | \$                 | 23,531   | \$ | 34,098   |
| Coppin            | \$ | 19,091            | \$  | 24,025       | \$                 | 17,236   | \$ | 22,170   |
| Frostburg         | \$ | 20,046            | \$  | 30,694       | \$                 | 18,634   | \$ | 29,282   |
| Salisbury         | \$ | 22,368            | \$  | 30,714       | \$                 | 22,594   | \$ | 30,940   |
| Towson            | \$ | 23,166            | \$  | 34,844       | \$                 | 23,166   | \$ | 34,844   |
| UB                | \$ | 27,588            | \$  | 36,038       | \$                 | 19,888   | \$ | 28,338   |
| UMBC              | \$ | 24,762            | \$  | 36,336       | \$                 | 27,350   | \$ | 38,924   |
| UMCP              | \$ | 23,734            | \$  | 42,920       | \$                 | 26,712   | \$ | 45,898   |
| UMES              | \$ | 21,454            | \$  | 29,960       | \$                 | 22,080   | \$ | 30,586   |
| UMUC              |    | NA                |     | NA           | \$                 | 28,737   | \$ | 34,521   |

<sup>\*</sup>Department of Education NCES IPEDS

Table II. Monthly Student Loan Repayment based on 3.86% Interest Rate

| Total Loan | Loan Term (Years) |       |       |       |       |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
|            | 5                 | 10    | 15    | 20    | 25    |  |  |  |
| \$20,000   | \$367             | \$201 | \$147 | \$120 | \$104 |  |  |  |
| \$25,000   | \$459             | \$251 | \$183 | \$150 | \$130 |  |  |  |
| \$30,000   | \$550             | \$302 | \$220 | \$180 | \$156 |  |  |  |
| \$35,000   | \$642             | \$352 | \$256 | \$210 | \$182 |  |  |  |
| \$40,000   | \$734             | \$402 | \$293 | \$240 | \$208 |  |  |  |
| \$45,000   | \$826             | \$453 | \$330 | \$270 | \$234 |  |  |  |
| \$50,000   | \$918             | \$503 | \$366 | \$300 | \$260 |  |  |  |

Note: Using previous 6.8% interest rate will add about \$30 each month.

Table III. Gross Annual Income and Monthly Net Pay Estimates

| Gross Annual Income | 30,000    | 35,000    | 40,000    | 45,000    | 50,000    |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gross Monthly Pay   | \$2,500   | \$2,917   | \$3,333   | \$3,750   | \$4,167   |
| Monthly Tax         | (\$519)   | (\$633)   | (\$747)   | (\$871)   | (\$1,027) |
| Monthly Healthcare  | (\$120)   | (\$120)   | (\$120)   | (\$120)   | (\$120)   |
| Monthly Net Pay     | \$1,861   | \$2,164   | \$2,466   | \$2,759   | \$3,020   |
|                     |           |           |           |           |           |
| Gross Annual Income | 55,000    | 60,000    | 65,000    | 70,000    | 75,000    |
| Gross Monthly Pay   | \$4,583   | \$5,000   | \$5,417   | \$5,833   | \$6,250   |
| Monthly Tax         | (\$1,182) | (\$1,339) | (\$1,495) | (\$1,650) | (\$1,806) |
| Monthly Healthcare  | (\$120)   | (\$120)   | (\$120)   | (\$120)   | (\$120)   |
| Monthly Net Pay     | \$3,281   | \$3,541   | \$3,802   | \$4,063   | \$4,324   |

Note: Calculated with PaycheckCity calculator (<a href="http://www.paycheckcity.com/cokronos/netpaycalculator.">http://www.paycheckcity.com/cokronos/netpaycalculator.</a>
<a href="mailto:asp">asp</a>) for a single individual with 1 exemption. Monthly tax includes federal/state tax, social security and Medicare.

Monthly health care bill is estimated with \$72 medical, \$40 prescription and \$8 dental.



## **Programs to Assist Students with Student Loan Debt**

## **Income-Based Repayment Program**

**Income-Based Repayment (IBR)** is designed to reduce monthly payments and make student loan debt manageable. To qualify for IBR, a borrower must have a partial financial hardship. A borrower has a partial financial hardship if the monthly amount required to pay on IBR-eligible federal student loans (under a 10-year Standard Repayment Plan) is higher than the monthly amount required under IBR. IBR payment amount may increase or decrease each year based on income and family size. Once a borrower is initially qualified for IBR, he/she may continue to make payments under the plan even if he/she later no longer has a partial financial hardship. The following table shows the monthly IBR payment amounts for a Maryland borrower with family size of "1" under current interest rate of 3.86%.

Table IV. Income-Based Repayment (IBR)

| Annual Income | Monthly Payment Threshold |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| \$30,000      | \$160                     |
| \$35,000      | \$222                     |
| \$40,000      | \$285                     |
| \$45,000      | \$347                     |
| \$50,000      | \$410                     |

Source: Monthly payment thresholds are calculated with IBR calculator from Department of Education website: <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans/income-based/calculator">http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans/income-based/calculator</a>.

## **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program**

The **Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)** Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs (federal, state, local governments and non-profit organizations). Under this program, a borrower may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Direct Loan Program). The borrower must make 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full-time by certain public service employers. The 120 payments must be made after October 1, 2007 in order for borrowers to qualify for loan forgiveness.

Table V. USM Institutions Student Loan Default Rates<sup>1</sup>

## FY 2009 & FY 2010 Cohort Default Rates

| Institution | % Default Rate |        | # in D | # in Default |        | # in Repayment |        | Enrollment |  |
|-------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------|--|
|             | FY2010         | FY2009 | FY2010 | FY2009       | FY2010 | FY2009         | FY2010 | FY2009     |  |
| BSU         | 16             | 11     | 187    | 138          | 1163   | 1244           | 6204   | 3522       |  |
| CSU         | 22.1           | 13.2   | 194    | 125          | 875    | 943            | 5002   | 4723       |  |
| FSU         | 11             | 7.8    | 113    | 78           | 1025   | 988            | 5893   | 5734       |  |
| SU          | 5.3            | 3.9    | 71     | 53           | 1326   | 1356           | 9002   | 8736       |  |
| TU          | 5.8            | 3      | 178    | 82           | 3023   | 2716           | 24940  | 23606      |  |
| UB          | 7.8            | 7.2    | 108    | 104          | 1384   | 1425           | 6971   | 6140       |  |
| UMB         | 2              | 1.7    | 31     | 26           | 1533   | 1471           | 6865   | 6571       |  |
| UMBC        | 5.3            | 6.2    | 99     | 104          | 1858   | 1654           | 13692  | 13424      |  |
| UMCP        | 4.2            | 3.5    | 202    | 155          | 4721   | 4380           | 42586  | 39324      |  |
| UMES        | 23.5           | 16     | 197    | 145          | 838    | 902            | 4868   | 4549       |  |
| UMUC        | 10.6           | 5.8    | 741    | 329          | 6969   | 5609           | 50697  | 48587      |  |

Source: http://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/defaultmanagement/cdr.html

#### Notes:

Schools with a FY 2010 official 3-year cohort default rate that is equal to or greater than 30 percent must establish a default prevention task force that prepares a plan to identify the factors causing cohort default rate to exceed 30 percent and submit to the Department for review. If the school's three most recent 3-year cohort default rate is 30 percent or greater, the school will lose Direct Loan and Federal Pell Grant eligibility for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the school is notified of its sanction and for the following two fiscal years.

Starting in 2014, any institution with a current year Cohort Default Rate (CDR) above 40 percent will automatically lose eligibility to participate in the Direct Loan program (but will remain eligible for Pell Grants).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Loans included in the calculation: Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Direct Subsidized Loans

Table VI. Need-Based Institutional Aid Distribution by Institution for FY 2011-FY 2013

|      |               | FY 2011       |       |               | FY 2012       | FY 2012 |               |               | FY 2013 |  |  |
|------|---------------|---------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------|--|--|
|      |               |               | %     |               |               | %       |               |               | %       |  |  |
|      | Need-         |               | Need- | Need-         |               | Need-   | Need-         |               | Need-   |  |  |
|      | Based         | Total         | Based | Based         | Total         | Based   | Based         | Total         | Based   |  |  |
|      | Institutional | Institutional | Inst  | Institutional | Institutional | Inst    | Institutional | Institutional | Inst    |  |  |
|      | Aid           | Aid           | Aid   | Aid           | Aid           | Aid     | Aid           | Aid           | Aid     |  |  |
| BSU  | \$1,866,953   | \$4,836,842   | 39%   | \$1,928,794   | \$4,797,041   | 40%     | \$2,081,501   | \$5,289,391   | 39%     |  |  |
| CSU  | \$240,723*    | \$2,055,033   | 12%   | \$987,325     | \$3,076,806   | 32%     | \$994,030     | \$3,176,715   | 31%     |  |  |
| FSU  | \$2,140,689   | \$4,050,041   | 53%   | \$2,742,533   | \$4,392,362   | 62%     | \$2,734,180   | \$4,581,052   | 60%     |  |  |
| SU   | \$1,783,074   | \$3,137,700   | 57%   | \$1,909,348   | \$3,653,848   | 52%     | \$2,367,580   | \$4,257,180   | 56%     |  |  |
| TU   | \$12,780,349  | \$22,509,075  | 57%   | \$14,230,161  | \$24,674,249  | 58%     | \$14,522,929  | \$25,076,942  | 58%     |  |  |
| UB   | \$871,698     | \$3,143,145   | 28%   | \$1,444,567   | \$3,862,193   | 37%     | \$1,285,002   | \$4,167,583   | 31%     |  |  |
| UMB  | \$446,959     | \$446,959     | 100%  | \$503,336     | \$606,180     | 83%     | \$514,413     | \$621,532     | 83%     |  |  |
| UMBC | \$3,261,348   | \$19,236,787  | 17%   | \$2,958,262   | \$19,348,605  | 15%     | \$3,540,661   | \$21,267,994  | 17%     |  |  |
| UMCP | \$12,204,350  | \$38,886,039  | 31%   | \$12,275,760  | \$40,089,020  | 31%     | \$13,892,507  | \$42,613,307  | 33%     |  |  |
| UMES | \$4,114,581   | \$8,152,232   | 50%   | \$4,439,653   | \$8,607,406   | 52%     | \$4,355,840   | \$9,110,573   | 48%     |  |  |
| UMUC | \$1,917,980   | \$3,580,973   | 54%   | \$2,165,803   | \$4,031,670   | 54%     | \$2,062,054   | \$3,778,186   | 55%     |  |  |
| USM  | \$41,628,704  | \$110,034,826 | 38%   | \$45,585,542  | \$117,139,380 | 39%     | \$48,350,697  | \$123,940,455 | 39%     |  |  |

Chart A Financial Literacy Education Summary

| Institution | Workshops | FL Unit in<br>Orientation<br>Program or<br>Course | Web Site On-line Resources | Course(s) | Other  |
|-------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|-----------|--|
| BSU         | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Partners with employers to offer one- on- one on financial education.  |
| CSU         | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Partners with Coppin Heights Community  Development Corporation to offer "The Road  Map to Financial Literacy Freedom" counseling and training program.                  |
| FSU         | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Special workshops for TRIO participants.   |
| SU          | V         |   | V                          | V         | Partners with SECU and the Delmarva Education Foundation host a free Financial Empowerment Day for Delmarva families.  |
| TU          | V         |   | R                          | A         | Money Attitude program employs peer counselors and offers personal finance counseling, workshops, etc.   |
| UB          | √         | V   | <b>√</b>                   | V         | Basic budgeting book distributed to all students.  |
| UMB         | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Office of Financial Education and Wellness offers individual counseling on budget management, programming, etc.  Spending journal distributed at Orientation.            |
| UMBC        | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Financing Your Education brochure  |
| UMCP        | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Personalized counseling on loan indebtedness.  Financial literacy web site provides step-by-step education on all aspects of personal finance: budgeting, planning, etc. |
| UMES        | √         |   | V                          | V         | Credit-bearing course is offered tuition-free.   |
| UMUC        | V         | V   | V                          | V         | Virtual Financial Literacy Resource Center  Required counseling for student loans.   |