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Council of Presidents unveils new performance and accountability dashboard

An updated online dashboard that went live Monday provides taxpayers more performance and accountability data about Washington’s public four-year colleges and universities than ever before.

Never has detailed data related to student enrollment, progression, graduation and other metrics been so readily available.

“Washington’s public baccalaureate colleges and universities are nationally recognized for their exceptional quality and performance,” said David Schumacher, executive director of the Council of Presidents representing Washington’s six public baccalaureate degree granting institutions. “The dashboard presents an exciting opportunity to highlight our effectiveness and to increase opportunities for transparency and to be data-driven in discussions of higher education policy.”

The Council of Presidents partnered with the Department of Enterprise Services and the Office of Financial Management to develop the dashboard. The Statewide Public Four-Year Dashboard was initially created in 2011 following the passage of House Bill 1795, known as “The Higher Education Opportunity Act.” In an effort to better inform policy makers, students and their families, and the general public, the legislation directed Washington’s six public four-year colleges and universities to report annually on the Complete to Compete metrics proposed by the National Governor’s Association and others and to display them in a centralized dashboard. This allowed for the streamlining of various accountability efforts across multiple state agencies.

The new version that went live Monday displays information for each four-year school over a number of academic years. Department of Enterprise Services staff organized a number of usability sessions to improve the dashboard’s look and functionality. Changes to the display were made based on user recommendations.

The development of the dashboard is funded by a 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act P-20W longitudinal data system grant. The source of the data is the Office of Financial Management Public Centralized Higher Education Enrollment System, which stores public, four-year institutional enrollment data from 1998-99 through the current academic year.

- [Performance and Accountability Dashboard weblink](#)

The Council of Presidents is a voluntary Washington state association comprised of the presidents of the six public baccalaureate degree granting colleges and universities (Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, University of Washington, Washington State University and Western Washington University).

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