

UC Performance Improvement and Cost Reduction Measures

Measure	Description	Implementation Time Line
Streamline Transfer Pathways	UC is to closely align its lower-division requirements for its 20 most popular majors with those used by CSU and CCC for associate degrees for transfer. It also will consider adopting the common course numbering system used by CSU and CCC.	During 2015-16 and 2016-17.
Increase Transfer Enrollment	UC has committed to admitting one transfer student for every two freshman students at all campuses (but Merced).	By 2017-18.
Review Units Required for Graduation	UC has agreed to reduce the number of units required for graduation to no more than 180 units "wherever possible" in 75 percent of majors at each campus (except the Los Angeles campus because it already has undertaken such a review).	Not specified.
Review Exam Credit Policies	The UC President is to strongly encourage UC faculty to review its policies on awarding credits to students successfully passing (1) Advancement Placement tests taken in high school and (2) exams administered by the College Board to measure mastery of college-level material.	Not specified.
Differentiate Tuition for Summer Session	Three campuses are to set different tuition and fee levels during the summer session to provide an incentive for more students to enroll during that term.	Start by summer 2016.
Develop Three-Year Degrees	UC is to develop three-year degrees in 10 of its top 15 majors, with a goal of having 5 percent of students enrolled in these accelerated degree programs.	Develop degrees by March 1, 2016. Achieve enrollment goal by summer 2017.
Increase Use of Data and Technology	UC is to report on how campuses are using data and technology to help students succeed and close achievement gaps. It also will initiate a multi-campus pilot program to use adaptive learning technologies to improve instruction and student persistence.	Not specified.
Expand Online Course Offerings	UC is to expand upon efforts begun in recent years to increase the number of online courses it offers. As part of this effort, UC will convene a group of industry leaders to identify which online certificate and master's degree programs could benefit California's workforce.	Convene industry group during summer 2015. No time line specified for course expansion.
Implement New Way of Calculating Costs	Three UC campuses are to pilot "activity-based costing" to calculate educational costs in certain departments.	Not specified.

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