

Question Time

Our retention rate is a stated area of weakness for us as a university and a target for improvement.

1. When comparing our retention rate to other institutions, I have never seen admission criteria included in the data as a possible variable. How do our admission requirements compare to those of our “peer” institutions? How do our admission requirements compare to Georgia State University? [In this context, I use the word peer as a catch all term that includes whatever universities show up in the tables that we are shown, for example, the tables shown at the September 13 Prioritization meeting.]
2. Have there been any changes in the criteria for “conditional students” at PFW in recent years?
3. What is the retention rate for conditional admits compared to non-conditional admits?
4. Do other “peer” institutions continue to admit students until after classes start at their institutions? Has any effort been made to see if there is any correlation between retention and the time the student was admitted to the institution? In Fall 2018, there were students being admitted and enrolling for classes as late as Friday of the first week of the semester. What percentage of those students were retained by Spring 2019?

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