Outcomes for the 1998 Cohort of First-Time Degree Seeking Students

Student Right to Know tracking allows a College to assess the specific outcomes of students who might have completed degrees, transferred, or not completed degrees. While the data are not 100 percent accurate because not all colleges participate in the National Student Loan Clearinghouse (roughly 95 percent of students are covered in this national database), the data do allow for assessment of relative performance of students who declare an interest in four-year degrees when entering the College. Data for the fall 1998 cohort of students are presented in Figure 24. The figures do not add up neatly to 100 percent because students might fall into more than one category (for instance both a completer of a program and a transfer student). The data suggest that a substantial percentage of students leave the College without completing a two-year program (44 percent), yet more than one-third of those students leave the College “in good standing” (16 percent of all students were non-completers who were not on academic probation when they left).
Figure 24
Student Outcomes for 1998 Cohort of Full-Time, First-Time Degree Seeking Students (in Percentages)

- Comletes of programs: 30.8%
- Completed program in 2 years or less: 10.1%
- Completed program in 3 years: 20.6%
- Transfers to 2 year colleges: 12.7%
- Transfers to 4 year colleges: 8.4%
- Transfers: 21.0%
- Noncompleters not enrolled: 44.1%
- Noncompleters still enrolled: 27.1%
- Noncompleters who left in good standing: 16.1%