



**Student Affairs Committee Report  
Division of Student Affairs  
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**Admissions**

- The spring semester registration is still going on. Final enrollment numbers are not available yet. Normally spring enrollment is slightly less than the fall semesters. We will report final numbers once available.

**Financial Aid**

**2013-14 Financial Aid Disbursed for the 2013 Fall Semester**

- A total of \$27,166,066 in financial aid awards paid for the 2013 Fall Semester
- \$5,346,564 in Federal Pell Grant, FWS & FSEOG
- \$10,264,206 in Student Loans (not including Law School)
- \$8,639,994 Law School Aid
- \$945,081 in Athletic Aid
- \$167,072 in Institutional Aid
- \$112,290 in District Aid

A total of 4,935 students are offered aid: 4,434 undergraduates, 208 graduates, and 293 law school students.

**2012-13 Financial Aid Awarded to Date**

- A total of \$48,335,264.49 in financial aid has been accepted by students for the Academic Year
- \$26,298,025.66 in financial aid awards have been disbursed to student accounts for the 2012 Fall Semester
- \$4,556,550.00 in Federal Pell Grant has been disbursed for the 2012 Fall Semester
- \$14,182,338 in Federal Direct Loans have been disbursed for the 2012 Fall Semester
- \$1,195,712.36 in Athletic Aid and Remitted Tuition has been disbursed for the 2012 Fall Semester

A total of 4,400 students were awarded aid: 3,917 undergraduates, 158 graduates, and 325 law school students

**2011-12 Financial Aid Awarded to Date**

- A total of \$41,208,935.64 in financial aid was disbursed for the 11-12 Academic Year
- \$9,214,404.00 in Federal Pell Grant was disbursed
- \$17,169,316 in Federal Direct Loans were disbursed (this is a 32% increase from the 2010-11 AY)

A total of 4,953 students were awarded aid: 4,319 undergraduates, 171 graduates, and 350 law school students.

### Financial Aid Customer Service Enhancements

- The Office started its Call Center beginning January 2, 2014. The Call Center will answer all incoming calls during peak registration periods to address the concern the office does not answer its phones while serving a high volume of incoming students during the Fall/Spring rush. Messages left at the call center after hours will be answered the next business day.
- The Office has added a live online chat to its webpage. Students now have a multitude of resources to communicate with the aid office to include Facebook, Twitter, email, MyUDC, online chat and more!
- The Aid Office will be conducting a number of early financial aid and financial literacy presentations throughout the 2014 Spring Semester. On Saturday, March 15, 2014, UDC will host the 14-15 FAFSA College Expo in conjunction with DC-OSSE and the USDE. The intent of the Expo is to encourage students to complete their FAFSA early and get presentations on financial aid updates on a Federal and District level while also having the option of visiting the college fair.

### Federal and District Student Aid Updates

- New FSA regulations on enrollment reporting, verification, cash management requirements and the 150% Subsidized loan limitation take effect in 14-15. Members of the Student Affairs Team (Dr. Valerie Epps, James Contreras, Nailah Williams, Kathy Mosley) and Krishna Saraiya, Internal Auditor, attended the Federal Student Aid Conference in December 2013 to be trained and received the latest information on program compliance, Federal updates, the President's College Affordability Plan and more. Staff training will begin in February as part of the 14-15 AY start-up.
- UDC received \$300,000 in the Mayor's Opportunity Fund. The funds have been split between the flagship and community college with \$38,000 going to Workforce Development in accordance with the MOU. Interim Provost, Dr. Petty, represented UDC at the District Hearing on the DC Promise Grant for DC Residents in anticipation UDC will be considered for this funding should it be approved by city council and the mayor.

### Three-Year Cohort Default Rate for 2014

- Beginning the 2014 AY, the USDE will shift to a three-year cohort default rate. UDC's 2010 3-yr Cohort Default Rate is 14.2% and is expected to rise based on an increase in student loan borrowing. UDC students borrowed \$12 million in 2010 and over \$20 million in the 2012-13 AY. This does not include UDC's 60% Perkins Loan Cohort Default Rate. The Aid Office is ramping up its Default Prevention and Management Plan. However, the University may consider tuition discounting or increasing institutional scholarship/grant funding to offset the need for borrowing.

## Federal Reports

- The Final FISAP Edits were submitted on December 13, 2013 and included all final numbers as they relate to the administration of the Title IV Campus-Based Programs (FWS/FSEOG).
- The University is continuing its liquidation of its Federal Perkins Loan Program and is waiting on a response from the USDE on all Assigned Loans to audit and terminate the program at UDC.
- The Financial Aid Component of the IPEDs Report is now being completed. Last year's report revealed 82% of UDC first-time; full-time students received any type of financial aid.
- The University received a provisional three-year recertification on its recent Program Participation Agreement (PPA) to participate in the Federal student aid programs. The provision requires UDC to ensure program compliance in the Federal student aid programs and provide updates to the USDE when/should the University wish to add additional academic programs or new locations and to lower its Federal Perkins Loan Cohort Default Rate. The 3-year certification is typical for most schools. However, UDC's "Provisional" status will be dependent on the special conditions outlined in the certification that also include program compliance in all areas of the Title IV and Campus-Based programs.

## Housing-Residence Life

- Current occupancy totals 148 students inclusive of the RA's as of scheduled move-in held on Saturday, January 11, 2014.
- All residents will attend scheduled mandatory meeting held in the gymnasium with the Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Marc Strothers and all Graduate/Resident Advisors.
- 2 vacancies remain available for women only.
- Introduction of new staff: Traves Bills, Maria Thompson, and Jahlani Clarke; Director of Residence Life position vacant effective December 31, 2013 – Marc Strothers and Kendra Greene have substitute duties until filled.

## Records Management

- Presentation on best practices, policies, and a modernized infrastructure in compliance with Mayor's Order 2007-50.