

Student Loan Questions for Provost Coleman

- 1 Research showed that females have an average of \$566,899 in student loan debt statewide. This is \$77,323 more than the average amount of male debt. Do you think there are specific factors that can be attributed to this discrepancy?
2. Is the university currently working on closing that gap/what actions are being taken to address the difference?

2. The University of Arkansas median debt between 2015-2017 was \$14,000. What financial education courses does the UofA offer to students?
3. Student Support Services at other schools (ASU at Mountain Home) offer more programs to help students financially (student emergency funds), why does UofA offer certain services and not others like student emergency fund?

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1. What benefits have you seen by having an advising program to help students transferring from community colleges, like NWACC?
 - a. How did it get started, what benefits have you seen, etc.
 - b. Do you have any other programs for financial advising?
 2. How have those specific transfer rates grown, if at all?
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1. First-generation students have scholarships available, but they are listed as "underrepresented communities." Will there be first-generation specific scholarships available?
 2. More than 25% of UA enrollment is first-generation students. What is the university doing to recruit and retain students?
 3. How does the university help educate first-gen students about the loan process?
 4. First-generation debt basically stayed the same (\$14,000 to \$14,072) with an increase of only \$72 from 2015-16 to 2016-17. Where did this increase come from?
 5. If enrollment decreases, how will tuition be changed?
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1. Enrollment is down, will this lead to an increase in tuition?
 2. If the tuition does increase, will that affect the number of withdrawals?