Provost Report for October 2020

1. COVID Update
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   have heard from students an overall appreciation of your

this process. As always, Kate Yerkes has provided excellent leadership in shepherding this plan to completion.

In the weeks ahead, the www.scranton.edu/strategicplan site will be updated with information about the new plan, including resources regarding implementation and how we will monitor and communicate the plan's progress and impact. We know that members of the University community will embrace the plan in creative ways. Faculty are particularly invited and encouraged to consider how they can support the plan in ways unique to their disciplines and areas of expertise. Each of the three colleges and the Weinberg Library will be likewise considering their important roles in supporting the plan as they review and update college-level plans, and updated guidance to academic chairpersons about incorporating the new plan into academic department Annual Reports will be forthcoming shortly.

The plan includes specific goals regarding several of our current academic priorities - review of general education, the role of the humanities in academics campus-wide, and expanding and supporting diversity and inclusion. As was the case in the plan's construction, the success of the implementation process will rely on the contributions of all members of the University community. I call upon all members of the faculty to contribute as they are able to these priorities.

4. Admissions Update

One of the most important enrollment numbers for us is the full-time first-year undergraduate class. As you can see below, this years, class came in at 895. While this is much lower than previous years and below our budgeted goals, many other institutions experienced an even larger decrease in first-year enrollment. Kudos to our admissions team and to all of the faculty who helped to support undergraduate admissions for this accomplishment within a very challenging environment.

Please see submitted report for full undergraduate admissions update.

5. Retention

We all should be very proud of our retention numbers this year. Our first year-retention percentage increased 1.2% over the previous year. This was 2.4% above two years ago. It is very difficult for any college or university to raise their first-year retention numbers more than one percent in any normal year, but to do this in the midst of a pandemic is

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6. Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence report
   Please see submitted report on mid-semester tutoring services, writing center and accommodations from the CTLE.

7. Rank and Tenure
   A virtual meeting to inform faculty of the rank and tenure policies and procedures was held on September 17, including a demonstration of the electronic process for submitting rank and tenure applications. Twenty-one faculty have applied for tenure and/or promotion for 2020-2021 review. Ten faculty are applying for promotion to full

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Summary of Services for Fall 2020

Through week 8 of the semester
August 17 – October 8

Through week 8 of the semester

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(8.6% of requests)	requests	requests	requests	BIOL: 12
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	requests	requests	requests	MATH: 132

Through week 8 of the semester

(64.3% of visitors)

(9.4% of visitors)

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WRTG: 125 consultations (32.4%)

NURS: 38 consultations (9.8%)

ENLT: 22 consultations (5.7%)

PHIL: 19 consultations (4.9%)

T/RS: 15 consultations (3.9%)

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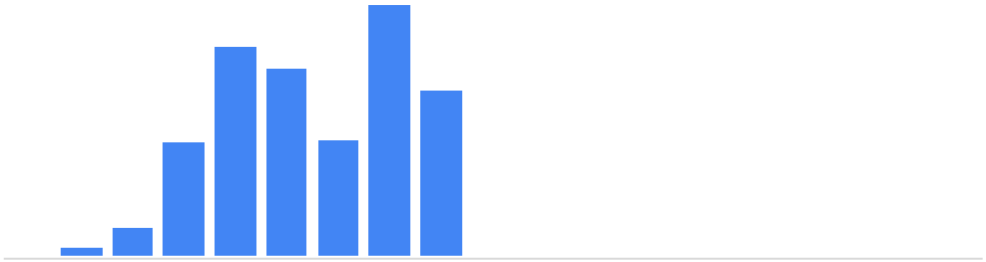

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Number of students receiving accommodations	43	53	
Number of students eligible for accommodations	. 04	. 3.	

Faculty Senate

October 2020

Class of 2024

Fall Admissions Numbers	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	AVG
Applications	10,114	10,002	9,968	9543	9123	9750
Acceptances	7,540	7,480	7,296	7285	7329	7386
Accept Rate						

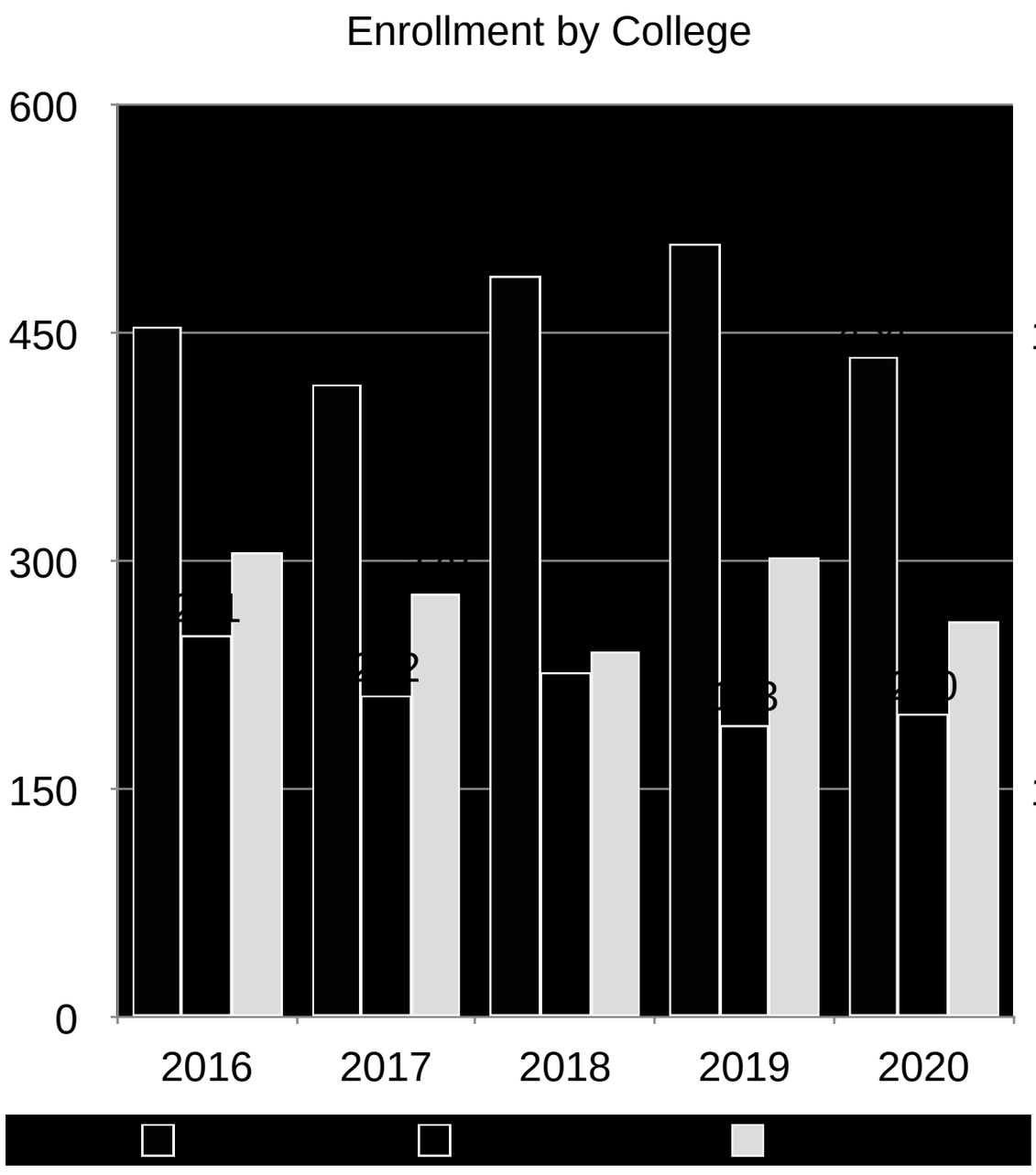
Gender & Ethnicity

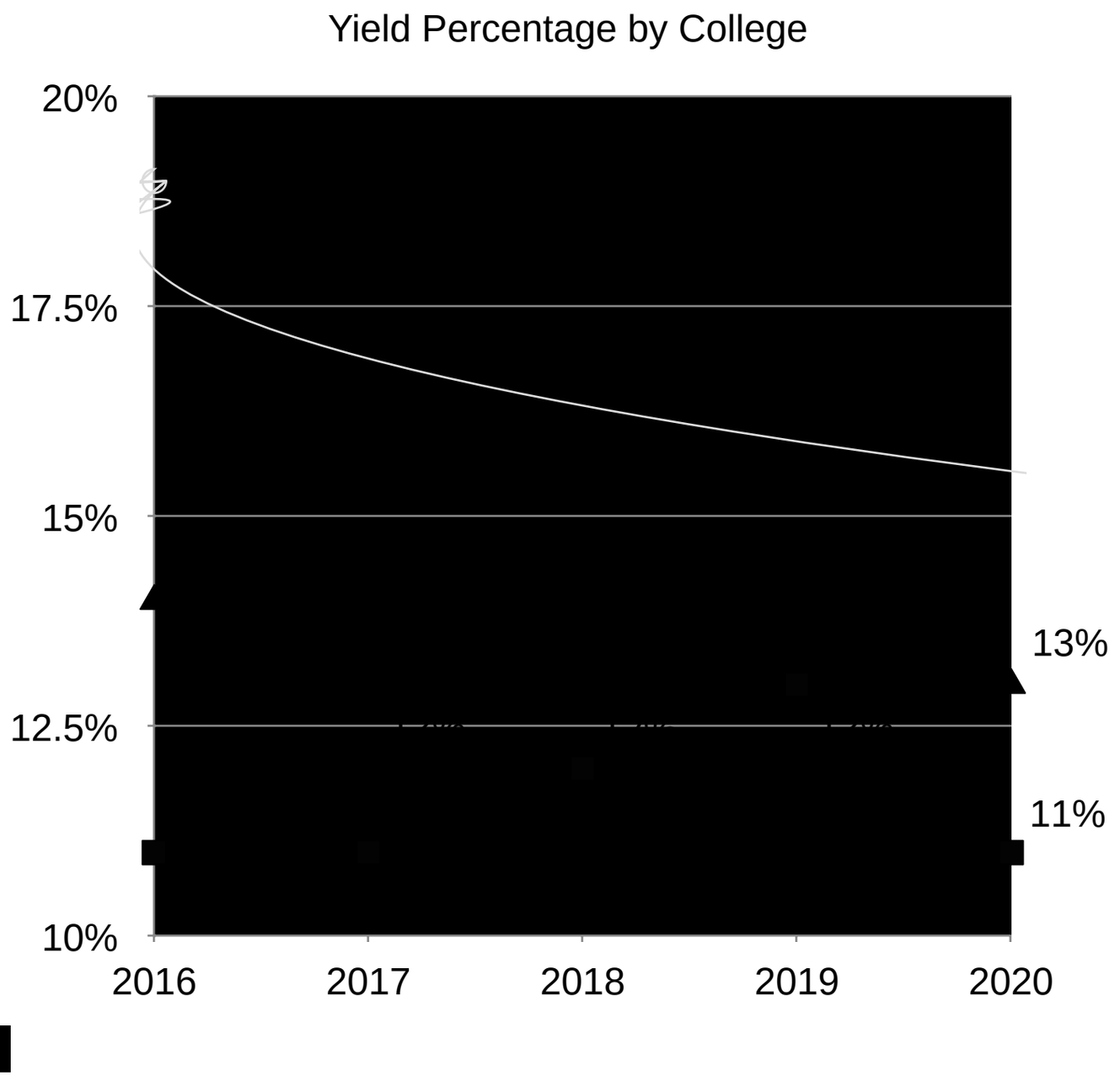
Gender & Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020

Residence Status

Residence Status	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Residential	915	810	836	880	761
Commuter	96	97	119	125	84
Ratio	91% to 9%	89% to 11%	88% to 12%	88% to 12%	

College Overview





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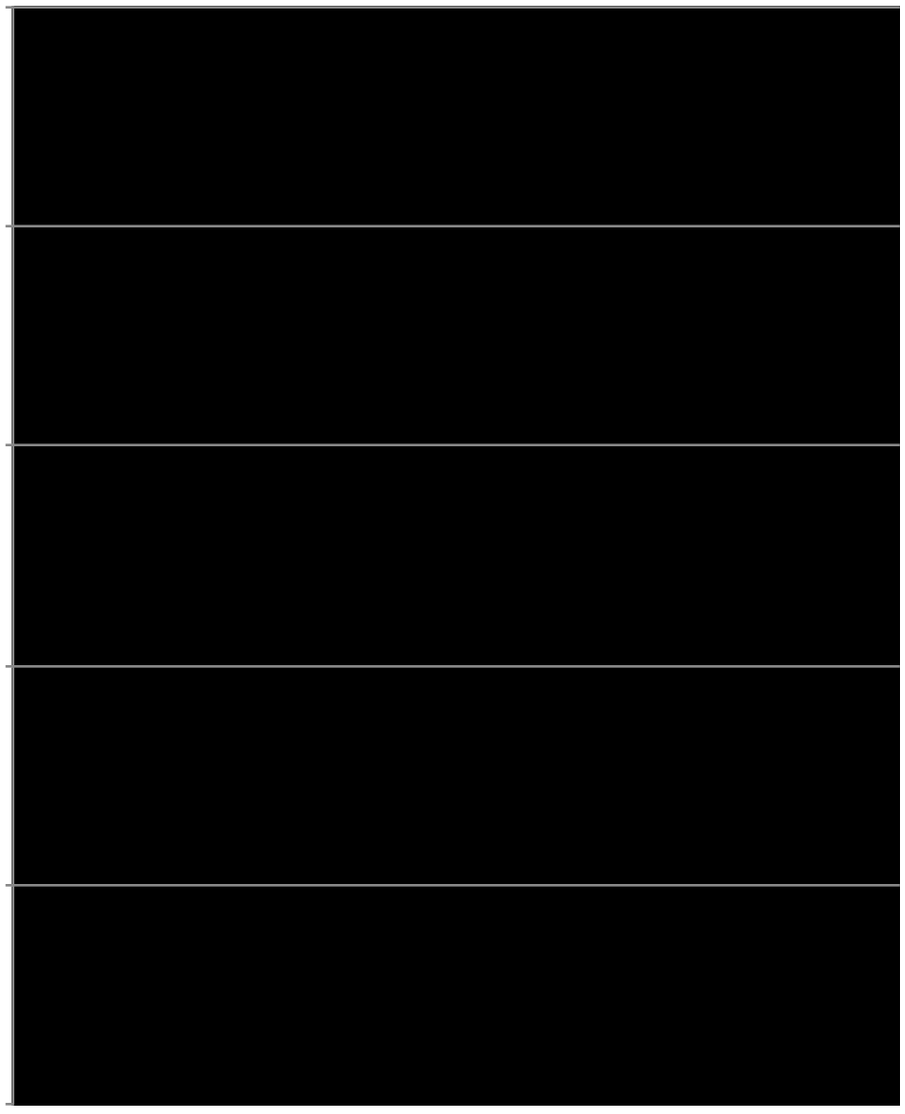
Retention After One Year (Sophomores)