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PLANNING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH: THE INFORMATION GATEWAY

Graduation and Retention Summary - Fall 2008*

UNIVERSITY TOTAL

	Retention									Graduation								
	Freshman																	
	Cohort	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	4yrs	5yrs	6yrs	7yrs	8yrs	~	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	4yrs	5yrs	6yrs	7yrs	8yrs
2000	1,661	76.6	63.8	58	31.5	10.2	4.5	2.2	1.9					19.3	34.7	38.0	39.9	40.8
2001	1,760	76.0	67	58.8	33.5	11.3	4.2	2.2					0.1	20.1	34.7	41.5	43.0	
2002	2,025	73.0	60.6	55.4	30.8	10.1	4.1						0.2	14.8	32.8	37.7		
2003	2,219	73.1	61.3	53	30.5	10.8							0.3	17.5	32.7			
2004	2,211	72.5	58.8	52.1	32.6									15.2				
2005	2,240	68.9	58.2	53.8									0.1					
2006	2,073	71.8	62.9															
2007	1,569	73.6																

* Source: <http://qed.ncat.edu/ir&p/graddept.pdf>

FIRST THE GOOD NEWS

- NCA&T's first-year retention rate (73.6%) is above the UNC Accountability Measures (UAM) current year target (72%).
- All school-level first-year retention rates are above current year UAM, with the exception of the School of Agriculture.
- We are on track to achieve 80% first-year retention by 2011-2012.

ON THE OTHER HAND

- NCA&T's four-year graduation rate (15.2%) is below UAM current year target (19%).
- NCA&T's six-year graduation rate (37.7%) is below UAM current year target (43%).
- Both the four-year and six-year graduation rates declined from last year.
- All school-level four-year graduation rates are below UAM, with the exception of the School of Nursing.
- All school-level six-year graduation rates are below UAM, with the exception of the Schools of Agriculture, Nursing, and Technology.
- We are not on track to achieve the four-year graduation rate of 28% nor six-year graduation rate of 50% by 2011-2012.