

# Leadership Series Finance Update

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## **Discussion Outline**

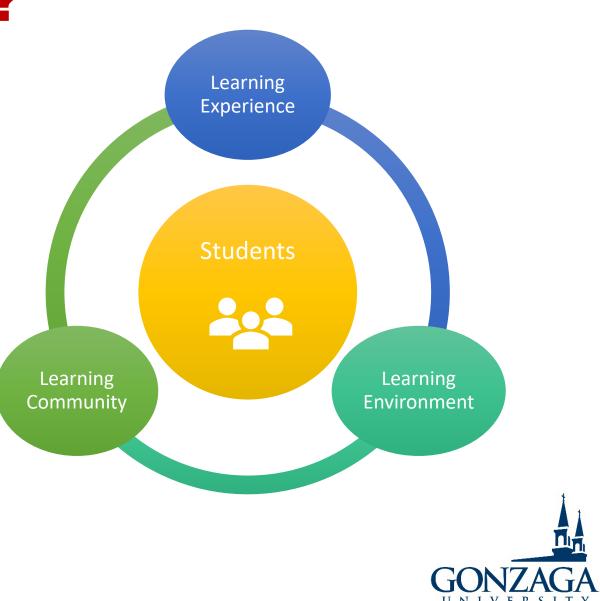
- How We Think About Resource Allocation
- A Review of Operating Sources and Uses
- Measures of Institutional Financial Health
- Trends in Enrollment and Pricing
- University Outcomes
- Recent Financial Achievements
- The Impact of COVID-19
- Final Thoughts

## Why We Are Here?

**Gonzaga University...** 

...educates students for lives of leadership and service for the common good...

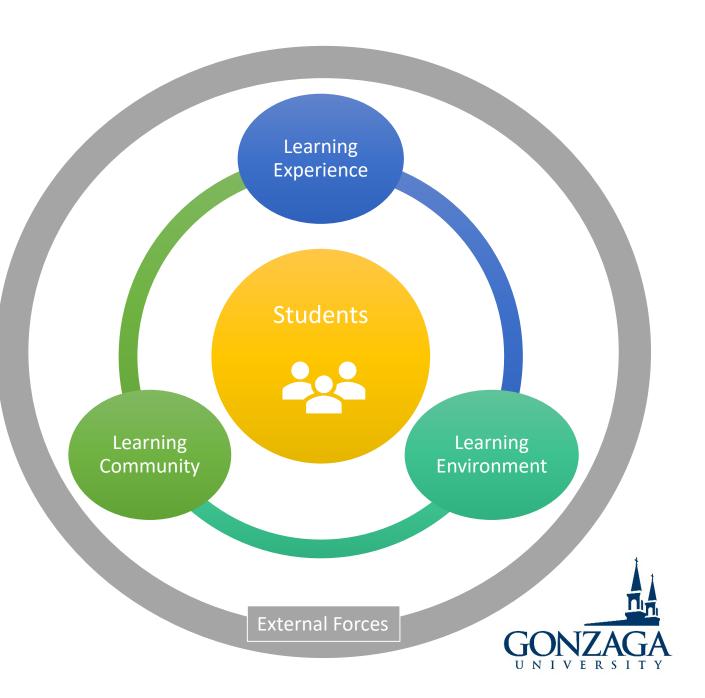
...the Gonzaga Community carries out this mission with responsible stewardship of our physical, financial, and human resources.



## **External Forces**

We are surrounded by external forces that we cannot always control or influence...

...we can, however, control how we respond and adapt to such forces.



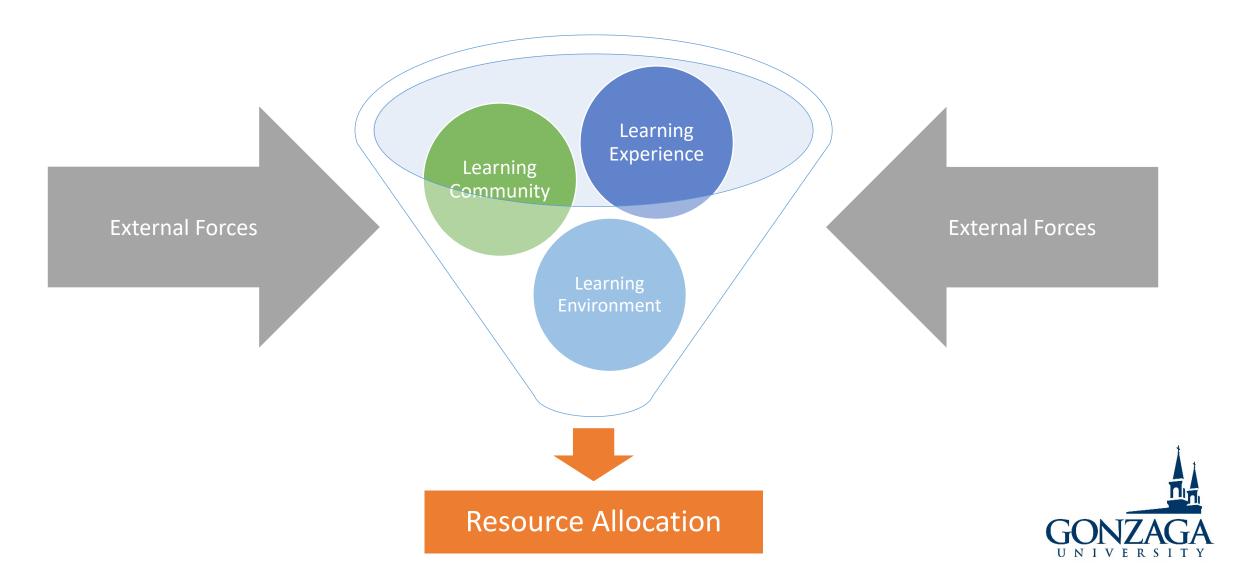
### **External Forces**

Our resource allocation plan must adapt and respond to changing external forces and serve the needs of our GU Community





#### **Bringing It All Together**



#### **Operations**

"the annual budget"

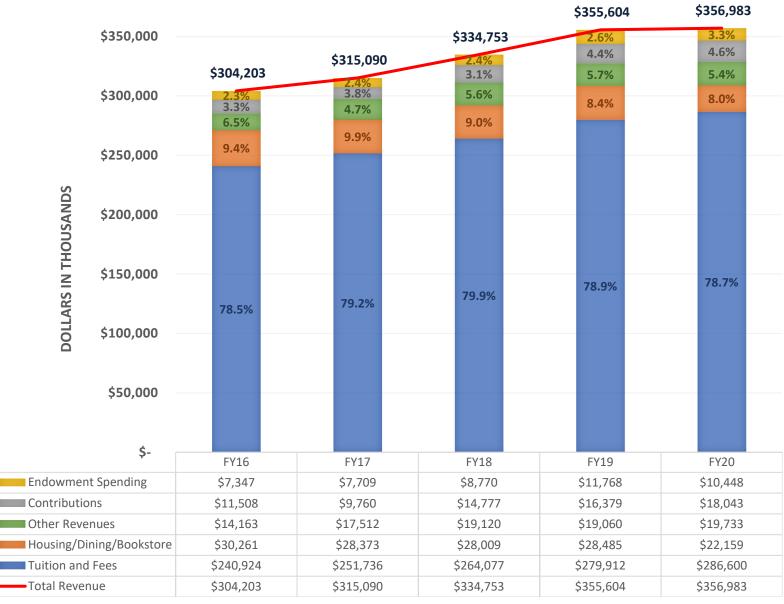
Benefaction "restricted and unrestricted gifts" Treasury Management "endowment, cash, investments, debt"

### **Our Financial Engines**

Each "engine" contributes financial resources to fund the activities of the University



## **Operating Sources - \$357M**



For every dollar of revenue...



...86¢ comes from tuition, housing, and dining (operations)

...6¢ comes from other sources, such as athletics (operations)

...5¢ of every dollar comes from donor contributions (benefaction)

...3¢ comes from endowment spending (treasury)

Figures above are derived from audited financial statements

#### For every dollar of revenue



...41¢ funds our people (salaries and benefits)

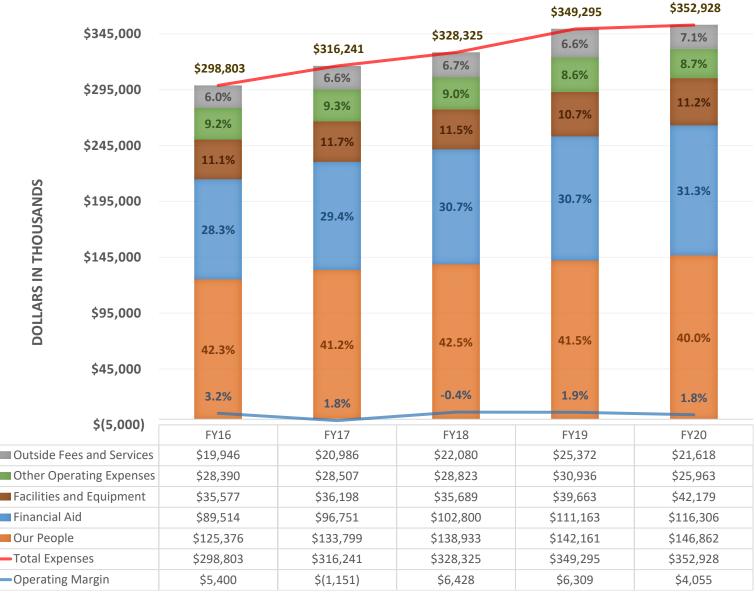
#### ...33¢ is returned to students as institutional financial aid

...13¢ funds operating expenses

...12¢ funds facilities and equipment

...1¢ funds reserves (operating margin)

## **Operating Uses - \$353M**



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#### **Measures of Institutional Financial Health**

**Composite Financial Index (CFI)** 

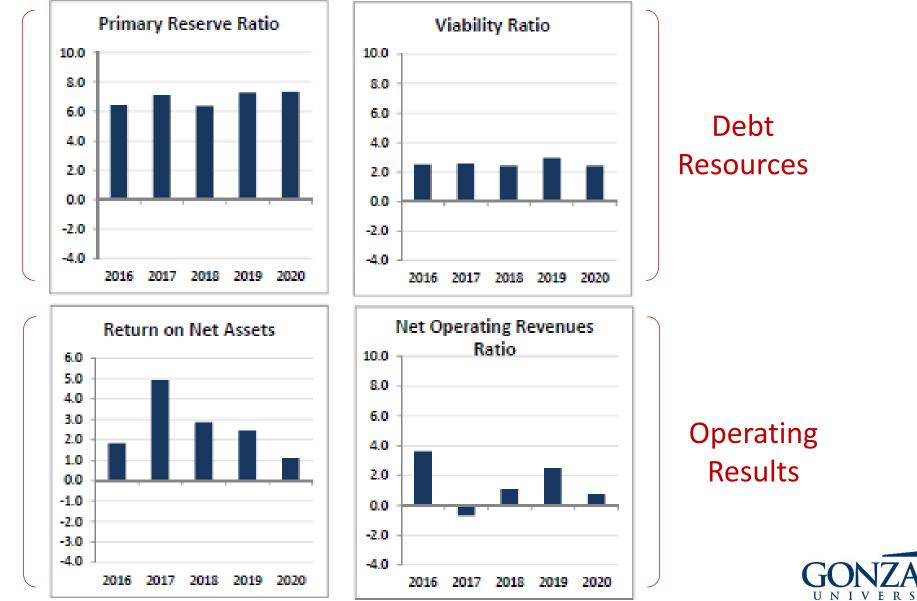
Measures four financial ratios to develop a composite measure of qualitative trends.

- 1. <u>Primary Reserve Ratio</u> Are financial resources sufficient and flexible enough to support the mission?
- 2. <u>Viability Ratio</u> Are debt resources managed strategically to advance the mission?
- 3. <u>Return on Net Assets Ratio</u> Does asset performance and management support the strategic direction?
- 4. <u>Net Operating Revenue Ratio</u> Do operating results indicate the institution is living within available resources?



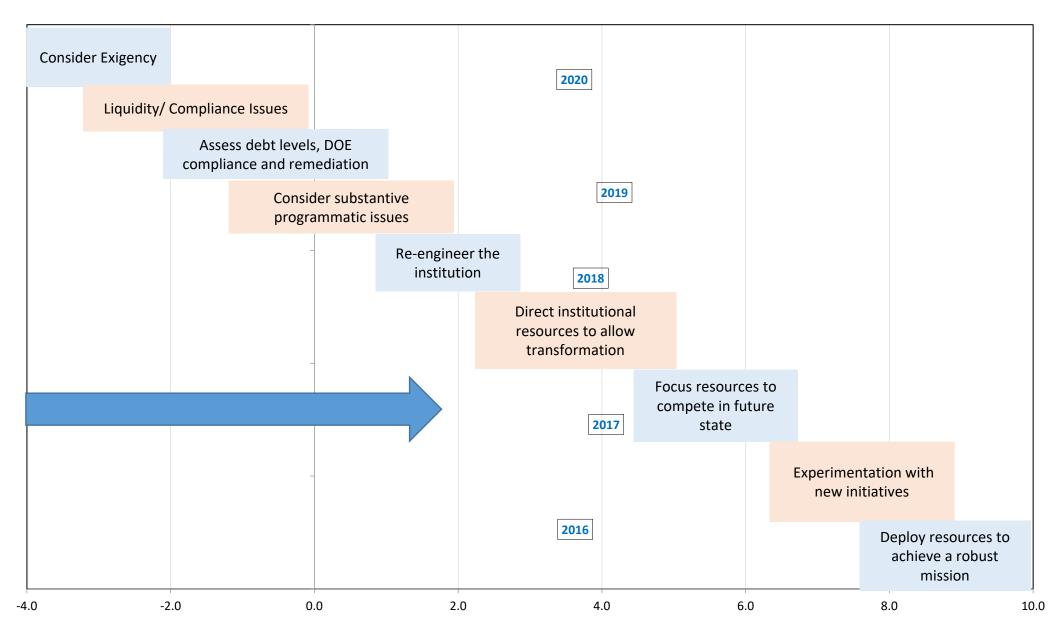
#### **CFI Ratios**

Financial Resources



Investment Performance

#### **CFI Qualitative Considerations**



## **University Outcomes**

"National University" ranked in top 21% (80<sup>th</sup> overall)<sup>1</sup>

Top 5% for best undergraduate teaching (18<sup>th</sup> overall)<sup>1</sup>

No. 21 best value among private universities, No. 62 best value among all universities in the US<sup>2</sup> 95.5% of graduates employed, continuing education, or serving as volunteer within a year of graduation

94% freshmen-tosophomore retention rate

85% of undergrads graduate within six years



### **Recent Financial Achievements**

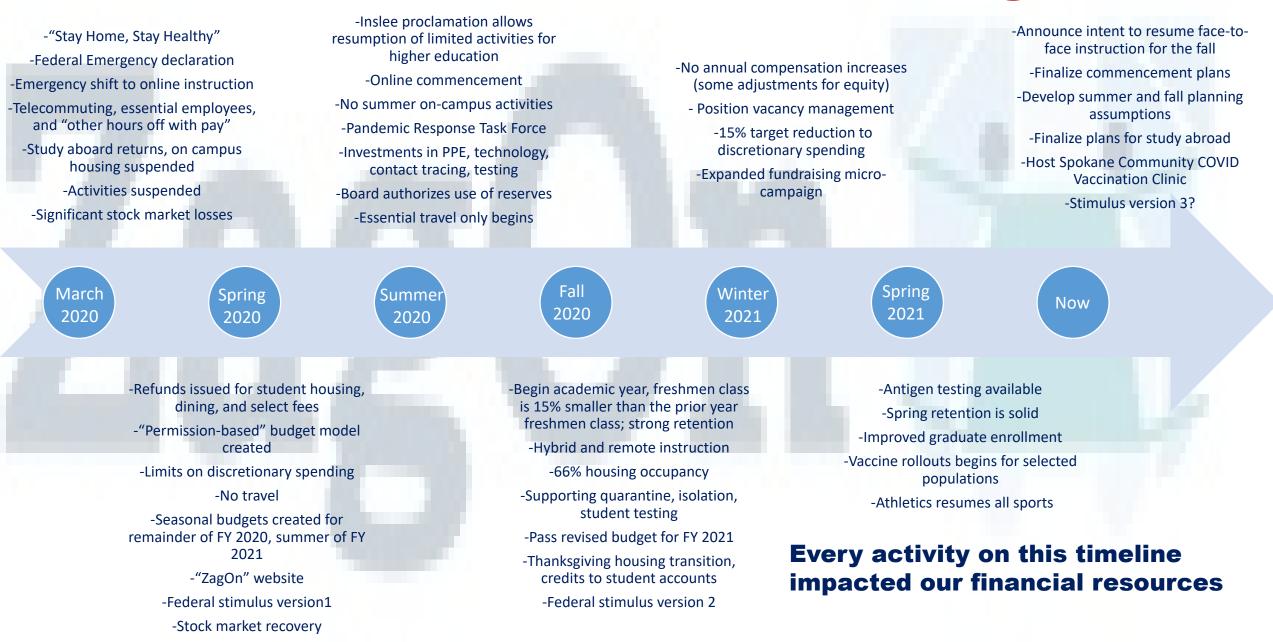
Credit ratings<sup>1</sup> with each Moody's and Fitch was increased from A3 to A2 and A to A+, respectively – both maintain a "positive" outlook Endowment investment performance<sup>2</sup> is in top 10% in the nation for each the 3, 5, and 10 year annualized periods, 12<sup>th</sup> percentile for 1 year period

Nearing completion of the Integrated Science and Engineering Facility, slated to open in Fall 2021 ~83,000 square feet, \$49.7M construction cost



<sup>1</sup>Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings, September 2019 <sup>2</sup>NACUBO-TIAA Study of Endowments, February 2021

#### **The Road We Have Traveled Together**



# **Guiding Principles During COVID**

- Promote the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff;
- Support the education of students through "remote and digital," as well as "face-to-face/in-person," modes in a timely and effective manner;
- Support our students, those nearby and far away, in the transition to this changed living and learning environment, guided by our mission values;
- Secure our physical and financial resources;
- Support adaptive enrollment, student retention, and advancement strategies; and
- Maintain fiscal capacity and nimbleness to manage, respond, and recover from the impacts of the pandemic.



#### **The Financial Impacts to Date**

Category	FY 2020 (last year, actual dollars)	FY 2021 (this year, projected dollars)
Lost Net Revenue	\$8.3M from housing and dining refunds, event refunds, and loss of athletic revenues	~\$ from decrease in undergrad enrollment, expanded financial aid, loss of study abroad revenues, loss of events and activities, housing and dining refunds post-Thanksgiving
Expense Savings and Other Offsets	\$, largely from reductions in travel, events, activities and other discretionary savings	~\$, largely from reductions in travel, activities and discretionary spending. \$estimated savings from vacancy management, no compensation increases, no furloughs or reductions in force
Direct COVID Expenses	\$300K, largely for software and other tech to support distance education	~ <mark>\$</mark> , about half of which relates to student testing
Benefits from Federal Stimulus (Institutional Use)	\$1.35M from stimulus v1, carried forward to FY 2021	<ul> <li>\$591K from Spokane County</li> <li>\$1.35M from stimulus v1, carried forward to FY 2021</li> <li>\$2.7M from stimulus v2, carry forward to next fiscal year</li> </ul>
Use of reserves	None	Up to \$6M approved, projected use of ~\$ <mark>4M</mark>
New Revenues	None	\$ from expanded benefaction, of which \$is attributable to athletic appeals

## **Closing Observations**

-We are grateful to all those in the GU community that make this work possible

-There is so much more we can do as a university if we continue to work together

-Your investment, however you choose to serve or give, changes lives

