Peer Institution List

K&A is conducting a review of organizational, financial, and staffing models for particular departments or programs among select peer institutions. The following is the selected list of peer benchmarking institutions for the Division of Student Life determined in consultation with Jeff Doyle, Ph.D., Dean for Student Learning and Engagement, and Kevin Jackson, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Life:

- Southern Methodist University (SMU; https://www.smu.edu)
- Texas Christian University (TCU; http://www.tcu.edu)
- University of Miami (UM; https://welcome.miami.edu)
- Boston College (BC; https://www.bc.edu)
- University of Notre Dame (ND; https://www.nd.edu)
- Duke University (DK; https://duke.edu)
- Pepperdine University (PU; https://www.pepperdine.edu)
Parameters for Comparative Research

Institutional Data:

- Enrollment profile (undergraduate, graduate, total)
- Residential profile (% first year and total undergraduates on campus)
- Persistence and graduation rates
- Athletics—NCAA Division and Conference
- Additional profile data to include: Carnegie Grouping; percentage non-white; average net price; and other comparable data as identified in various resources.

Division of Student Affairs Data:

- Organization of the Division within the University (to which office/senior administrator it reports)
- Administrative structure (key divisional leadership structure and their direct reports)
- Portfolio of offices and programs within the Division
- Amount and percentage of institutional budget devoted to student affairs services

Departments in Student Affairs Data:

- Personnel—FTE and paraprofessional positions (graduate and undergraduate); identification, as available, of department plans that support student affairs/student life staff career advancement, professional development, increasing diversity and inclusion of staff, and improving staff retention.
- Department organization charts and other staffing information for student affairs/student life services such as department assessment and marketing.
- Department budgets—amount and percentage of Division budget; identification of fees supporting budgets, if applicable

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1 Collection of data will depend on responses from comparator institutions and publicly available data resources.

2 In an email dated April 9, 2018, from the client, CollegeResults.org was identified as a possible resource for data.