Progress Highlights Related to the University's 4 Big Strategic Goals

**Promote Student Success to Transform Lives**
- Increase in first-year retention rates from 85% in 2010 to 89% in 2015
- Increase in six-year graduation rates from 56% in 2010 to 64% in 2015
- Increase in diversity of the freshmen class to 30% underrepresented students in Fall 2014
- 66% of first year students in learning communities compared to 11% national average

**Develop & Transfer New Knowledge**
- Major acceleration in the number of national faculty awards since 2012
- The Transformative Excellence Program fosters strategic faculty growth in emerging disciplines
- The U has been one of the top five universities for launching startup companies in the nation during the past five years
- The strength of Technology and Venture Commercialization at the U is an important and growing economic engine for the State of Utah

**Engage Communities to Improve Health & Quality of Life**
- The strategic U Online initiative aims to continue providing students this scheduling flexibility while also attracting new students, regionally and nationally
- Continuing Education and the Office of Engagement serve 15,000+ students annually through professional education, non-credit and credit classes, pipeline and pathway programs for K-12 students, and the Osher Institute for adults older than 55
- The U of U Hospital is consistently recognized as a leader in transformative patient care
- In 2013 more than 1.6 million individuals participated in outreach, museum, cultural and athletic events associated with the U

**Ensure Long-Term Viability of the University**
- Creation of the new scholarship office and campus wide coordination of financial aid and scholarships
- UU tuition and fees remain affordable at 73.3% of median PAC-12 peers (2015).
- U students graduate with a very low amount of debt (37% of national average).
- The 1999-2014 capital campaign exceeded its goal of $1.2 billion and 35,000 alumni donors
- Creation of the Sustainability Office and the Office of Global Engagement

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