



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Debt Management Annual Report

**Board of Regents Finance and Asset Management
Committee**

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AGENDA

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 - Institutional Credit Overview
- > Debt Capacity
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OVERVIEW OF DEBT PORTFOLIOS

The University manages two separate but related portfolios

External Borrowing

Mission

- > Achieve the lowest risk adjusted cost of capital
- > Assure continued access to capital markets

Regental Roles

- > Adopt Debt Policy
- > Approve annual Bond Resolution
- > Review portfolio performance
- > Guide University credit and issuance standards, including debt capacity

Reporting

- > Bondholders Report including audits to investors
- > Semi-Annual Debt Report to Regents
- > Future debt issuance and liquidity information to rating agencies

Internal Lending

Mission

- > Offer stable and predictable interest rates to campus borrowers and allow for capital funding in a rising rate environment

Regental Roles

- > Approve and monitor ILP loans
- > Approve ILP rate changes and distributions
- > Approve use of Capital Assets Pool
- > Review and approve Financial Stability Plans
- > Approve emergency exceptions to Debt Policy

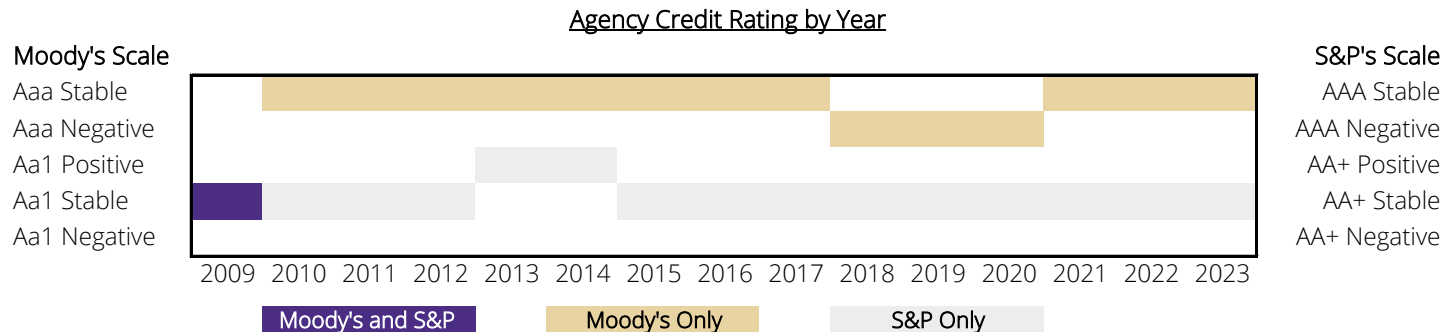
Reporting

- > Semi-Annual Unit Performance Reports
- > Annual ILP Report
- > Debt Management Annual Report
- > Annual ILP Audit

INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT OVERVIEW

UW is one of the highest rated universities

- > The institutional credit rating is an independent assessment by the rating agencies and a broad reflection of financial health
- > The University's ratings remain at Aaa (stable) /AA+ (stable) (Moody's/S&P)
 - With a “split” credit rating, the University's bonds price closer to the lower “AA+” rating than to the higher “Aaa” rating
- > While not direct debt issued by the University, partnerships (P3s) likely considered “other debt like obligations”
- > The following factors could lead to a rating downgrade:
 - Further deterioration in healthcare entities' operating performance
 - Sustained, weaker operating performance given already thinner reserves vs peers
 - Material debt plans beyond those outlined
 - Reduction in same day liquidity or increased calls on liquidity
 - Weakening of debt and treasury management



5-YEAR DEBT CAPACITY IS \$625M

FY24 – FY28 debt capacity is slightly higher than 2022 at \$125 million per year

- > The analysis includes an affordability metric
- > Debt capacity is evaluated annually based on institutional financial performance (audit), updated forecast, peer behaviors, and the long-term capital plan
 - Institutional Total Spendable Cash and Investments forecasted to grow at 4% per year
 - University at or below peer leverage ratios (for Aa1 ratios)
- > Debt capacity is a management **target** not an explicit maximum
 - Accelerated borrowing increases pressure on credit rating
 - While debt capacity is calculated at an institutional level, the ability to pay is measured at the unit level

Projected Debt Balances FY24-FY28 (\$ in millions)						
Fiscal Year	Beginning Balance	– Debt Retired	+ Debt Issued	+ Unallocated	= Ending Balance	
FY24	2,409 ⁽¹⁾	102	244 ⁽³⁾	11	2,562	
FY25	2,562	114	85	40	2,573	
FY26	2,573	116	76	49	2,581	
FY27	2,581	122	74	51	2,584	
FY28	2,584	119	75	50	2,590	
Totals⁽²⁾		573	554⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	201		

⁽¹⁾Includes \$15M in proceeds on-hand from FY22 GRB to fund FY24 projects

⁽²⁾Totals may not foot due to rounding

⁽³⁾Includes \$130M from FY21-23 debt capacity associated with Finance Transformation

⁽⁴⁾Includes approved debt for Medicine and preliminary five-year capital budget estimate

INTERNAL LENDING PROGRAM (ILP)

The primary mission of the ILP is to make loans to campus borrowers at a stable and predictable long-term rate

- > Rising rates are focusing attention on ILP sufficiency
 - The ILP has the resources to maintain rate stability for a number of years despite inflationary pressures, higher project costs, rising rate environment, and/or increased market volatility
- > There are numerous additional benefits of the ILP:
 - Substantial flexibility in structuring internal loans, including more favorable internal loan covenants than required by external market investors
 - Rigorous due diligence for debt funded projects
 - Greater transparency into unit performance through audited financial statements, Board reporting (e.g. Semi-Annual Unit Performance Report), and performance metrics
 - Easier project funding with more flexibility for campus borrowers
 - Reduced net borrowing cost versus issuing as a stand-alone credit by unit
 - Ability to pre-pay loan at any time without penalty
 - Opportunity to fund additional lending programs to campus using ILP balances (e.g. Bridge, FAST, University Housing Assistance Program)
 - Annual transfer to Provost to support troubled borrowers through Credit Support Fee

WHY IS SUFFICIENCY IMPORTANT?

Sufficiency is the primary tool used to assure a stable and predictable long-term interest rate to campus

- > Sufficiency represents:
 - The maximum number of years the ILP rate can be held stable for internal borrowers as external rates increase
- > Sufficiency increases if the ILP rate is above the external UW borrowing rate:
 - Budget certainty is important to campus
 - Smaller, incremental ILP rate increases are preferred but take longer to execute

Green
The Past (2008-2021)
ILP Rate > UW Borrowing Rate

Funds flow into rate stabilization account and years of sufficiency increases.

RESULTS:

- ILP rate reductions
- Loan restructuring
- Distributions

Yellow
Now
ILP Rate < UW Borrowing Rate

Funds flow into rate stabilization at a slower rate and years of sufficiency stabilize/start to decrease.

RESULTS:

- Stable ILP rate
- Limited loan restructuring
- Limited – if any – distributions

Red
The Future?
ILP Rate < UW Borrowing Rate for sustained period

No funds flow into rate stabilization, years of sufficiency decreases and reserves become depleted.

RESULTS:

- ILP rate increases
- Limited – if any – restructuring
- No distributions

ILP RATE RECOMMENDATION

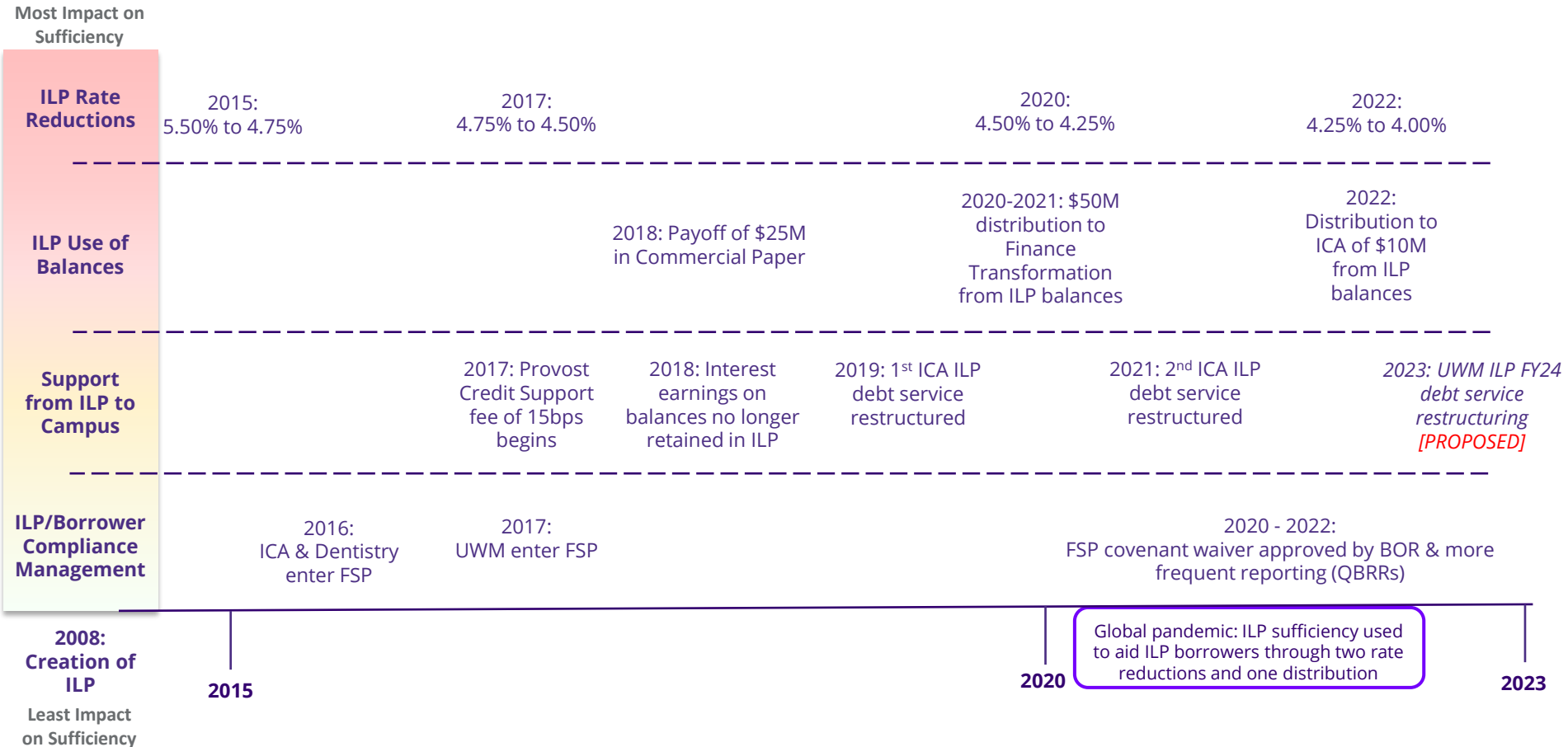
Treasury Office recommends no change to the ILP rate of 4.00%

- > The current ILP rate of 4.00% is:
 - Below historic average external borrowing rates and current 30-year market rates
 - In the range for similar programs at higher education peer institutions
 - As of FY22, the ILP had a cash balance of \$90 million, which includes:
 - > Funds reserved for future principal payments
 - > ~10 years of rate stability (sufficiency) for internal borrowers
 - > Minimum balance to support ILP programs
- > The Board must approve any changes to the ILP rate or distributions from the ILP

ILP HISTORY

ILP SUPPORT TIMELINE (2008 – CURRENT)

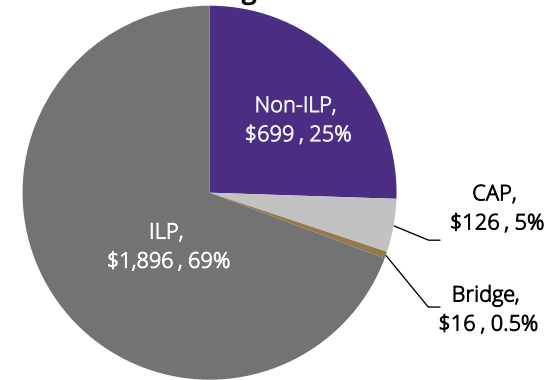
Grouped by impact on sufficiency



INTERNAL DEBT SUMMARY

- > The Internal Lending Program (ILP) outstanding balance as of December 31, 2022 was \$2.04 billion (including Capital Assets Pool & Bridge programs)
 - The ILP consists of 68 individual loans
 - Loans are funded through a combination of external debt and internal reserves
- > Non-ILP debt outstanding balance as of December 31, 2022 totaled \$699 million
 - 26 individual loans, including (but not limited to):
 - > South Lake Union (\$283 million)
 - > FHCC Promissory Note (\$140 million)
 - > Finance Transformation (\$70 million – still drawing)
 - > Molecular Engineering Building (\$54 million)

Total Outstanding Balance: \$2.74 billion
Internal Borrowing Rate: 4.00%



Borrower	ILP debt as of 12/31/22	Non-ILP debt 12/31/22	% Internal Debt
HFS	\$642 million	\$15 million	24.0%
Central	\$509 million	\$229 million ⁽²⁾	27.0%
UW Medicine			
UWM Select Units ⁽¹⁾	\$472 million	\$5 million ⁽³⁾	17.5%
School of Medicine		\$286	10.4%
FHCC		\$140	5.1%
ICA	\$244 million	\$0.5 million	8.9%
Student Life	\$115 million		4.2%
UW Tacoma	\$33 million	\$0.8 million	1.2%
UW Bothell	\$22 million	\$22 million	1.6%
Total Internal Debt	\$2.04 billion	\$699 million	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Includes UWMC, UW Physicians, Neighborhood Clinics, Airlift NW, and Shared Services

⁽²⁾ Includes \$70 million for FT (project still drawing)

⁽³⁾ NW Hospital – 4.65% Mortgage Note

FY24 AREAS OF FOCUS

- > Financial Stability Plan Review
 - By policy, underperforming loans must have a Financial Stability Plan (FSP) approved by the Board
 - FSPs are not intended to support internal borrowers on a prolonged basis due to systemic challenges of a unit or sector
 - Treasury is partnering with OPB to outline how longer-term financial challenges will be addressed going forward
- > Long-term Sufficiency Strategy in Inflationary Environment
 - Variable Rate Strategy
 - > Many issuers use variable rate debt to lower the cost of external borrowing
 - > Policy target of 10-15% for portfolio management purposes
 - > Developing framework outlining strategy to meet policy target