In 2005, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education instituted a new Basic Classification taxonomy of higher education institutions. Since the 2005 Delaware Cost Study, we have utilized this classification grouping for Research Universities, Doctoral Universities, Comprehensive (Master’s) Colleges and Universities, and Baccalaureate Colleges. These classifications were updated in 2010, 2015 and 2018. The new classifications are based on data collected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Fall 2017, therefore, the 2020 cycle of The Cost Study, which looks at the Fall 2019 semester and the Academic/Fiscal Year 2019-20, will use the updated 2018 Carnegie Classifications to reflect the new taxonomies. We will continue to use the abbreviations indicated below which were adopted in 2015 by the Carnegie Commission for consistency.

- **Research Institutions** will now include:
  - Doctoral Universities – Highest Research Activity (R1)
  - Doctoral Universities – Higher Research Activity (R2)

- **Doctoral Institutions** will now include:
  - Doctoral / Professional Universities (R3)

- **Comprehensive Institutions** will now include:
  - Master’s Colleges & Universities – Larger Programs (M1)
  - Master’s Colleges & Universities – Medium Programs (M2)
  - Master’s Colleges & Universities – Smaller Programs (M3)

- **Baccalaureate Institutions** will now include:
  - Baccalaureate Colleges – Arts & Science Focus (B1)
  - Baccalaureate Colleges – Diverse Fields (B2)
  - Baccalaureate Colleges/Associate Colleges (B3)

We will note all Special Focus Institutions (SF)