

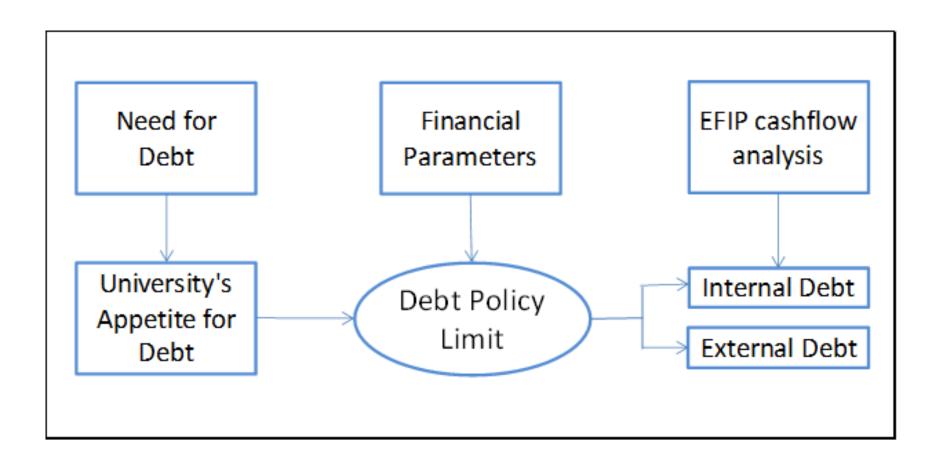
Debt Strategy

Business Board November 5, 2012

Issues

- Internal and external debt policy limits are separately defined and not fungible.
- There is no provision for bridge-financing external debt issuance with internal debt.
- There is no provision for re-financing internal debt with external debt.
- External debt policy limit is affected by investment return volatility and is currently less than allocations.
- New accounting rules will significantly increase net assets, thus increasing the external debt policy limit.

Proposed Solution



Need for Debt:

 based on core principles and careful analysis of needs and benefits.

Appetite for Debt:

must reconcile conflicting objectives.

Internal Debt:

 depends on expendable cash availability; does not increase debt policy limit; maximum % EFIP established.

Financial Parameters:

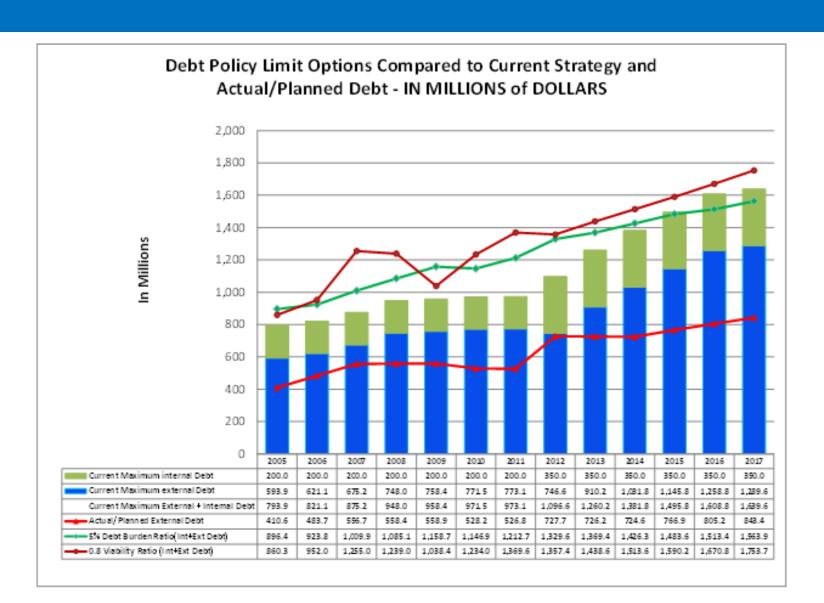
Debt affordability:

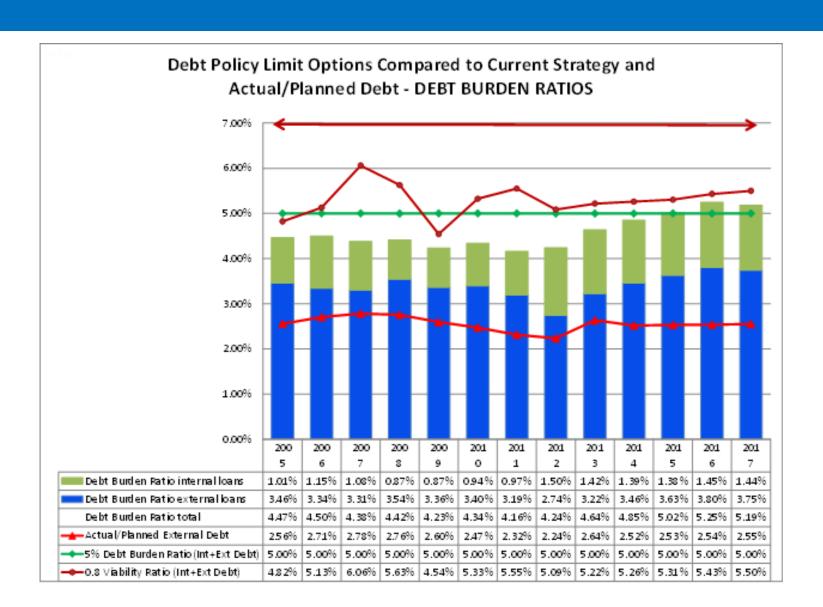
- the amount that can be made available to pay interest and repay outstanding debt, both external and internal.
- It is measured via income statement ratios.
- Debt burden ratio selected as measurement ratio (interest + principal/expenditures).
- Upper industry threshold for this ratio is 7%. That is, no more than 7% of total expenditures should be spent on interest payments plus principal repayments.

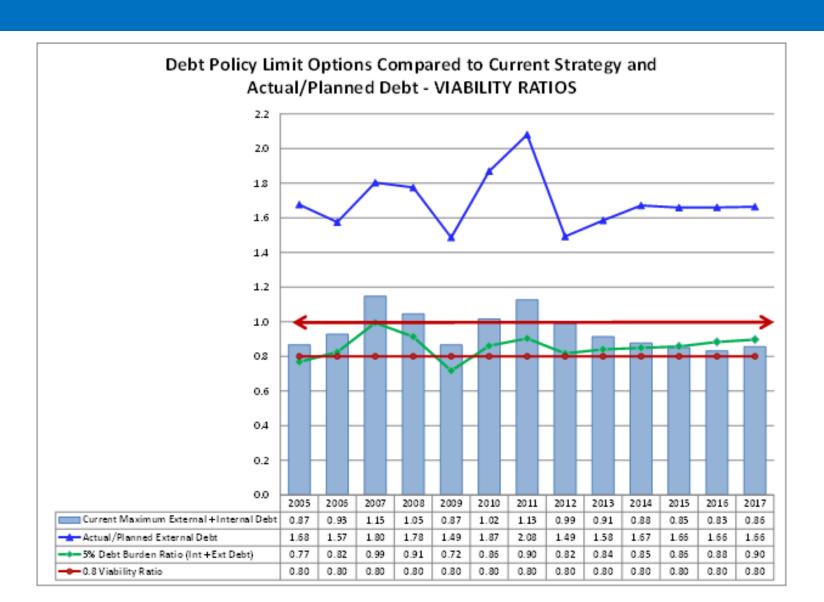
Financial Parameters:

Debt capacity:

- the amount that can be borrowed based on funds on hand that could be used to repay the debt at the balance sheet date.
- It is measured via balance sheet ratios.
- Viability ratio selected as measurement ratio (expendable resources/debt).
- This ratio can be set at less than 1.0. That is, the University does not have to have on hand all the funds necessary to repay the total debt as at the balance sheet date.







Recommended Debt Policy Limit

- It is recommended that the 5% debt burden ratio be a key determinant of the annual debt policy limit and that the 0.8 viability ratio be taken into consideration in setting that debt policy limit.
- At April 30, 2012, the debt policy limit is \$1.33 billion, reflecting a debt burden ratio of 5% and a viability ratio of 0.82.

Approvals

- Business Board approves:
 - Debt strategy.
 - Capital projects with borrowing.
 - Legal borrowing resolutions that authorize the issuance of external debt.

Monitoring

Regular reporting to Business Board.

Comparisons to others.

 Modified debt burden ratio that monitors combined effect of debt strategy and pension contribution strategy.