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Programs of Distinction: Three Concepts

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Considerations

Programs of Distinction:

1. Identified in SB 4
2. Must include *all* SUS institutions
3. Must already be recognized as nationally/internationally prominent programs (or be on the cusp)
4. Need to demonstrate increased reputational power through metrics (objective and subjective elements)

A report (not a list) is due to the Legislature September 1.



Concept A: Multi-Institutional Collaborative Design

Goal: Develop academic program and research capacity and reputation

Example: Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence ([INBRE](#))





Concept B: Unique Programs of Distinction

- Discipline-specific programs (Dance, Marine Biology, Dietetics, etc.)
- National rankings often exist for these more narrowly defined programs





Concept C: Research, Scholarly, and/or Creative Areas of Excellence

- Hybrid of concepts A & B
- Examples:
 - Improving Human Health*
 - Enabling Environmental Sustainability*
 - Harnessing Big Data
 - Advances in Surgery and Medicine
 - Assessing and Treating Disabilities and Mental Health Disorders
 - Enhancing the Human Experience

*Expanded examples are provided in the Board packet.



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