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The Perceptions of the Governor & Legislators

PERCEPTIONS

- Wasteful and not efficient
- Obsolete, arcane majors; irrelevant classes
- Duplication of programs
- Student awareness of employment and salary opportunities post-graduation
- Not enough graduates in STEM fields
- Graduation rates are not high enough



Objectives

- The Board of Governors should set goals for improvement on specific measures--system wide --as part of its Strategic Plan
- Each university assigned its contribution to system measure based on mission
- Allow universities wide discretion in how to improve those metrics
- Free existing funding to allow universities to improve the key metrics and increase STEM degree production





	Metric	Amount	Note
1	Enrollment	321,000	Up 9% since 2005/06
1	All Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded	55,689	Up 19% since 2005/06
1	STEM Bacc. Degrees Awarded	9,531	Up 18% since 2005/06
1	All Graduate Degrees Awarded	21,176	Up 23% since 2005/06
1	STEM Grad. Degrees Awarded	4,330	Up 31% since 2005/06
1	6-Year FTIC Graduation Rate (System Average)	63%	Ranked #4 among the nation's largest public university systems; average time to complete is 4.3 years.
1	FTIC Retention Rate (System Average)	87%	Ranked #2 among the nation's largest university systems
1	Research and Development	\$1.7 Billion	Nearly doubled since 2005/06; ranked #4 in the nation for public university systems



Graduate Degrees





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Metrics: Accountability & Transparency

Considerations

Efficiencies are an executive function

- Cannot legislate
- **Effect of Recession**
 - Over 100 Centers & Institutes closed or placed in inactive status
 - 218 degree programs terminated; 74 suspended
- "One size" does not fit all
- **BOTs provide tighter management**



Considerations

Universities are aware and responsive to market demand – as are students

- **Critical Thinking**
 - Academic Learning Compacts
- Liberal Arts Majors are Productive

Importance of Technology

- Declining # of graduates
- Meeting the need of high-tech industry employers



Can be integrated into all degree programs STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM of FLORIDA Board of Governors

- 1. Graduation Rates Currently #4 in Nation
 - Expected Graduation Rate (EGR)-- Since most students work at least part time, the graduation rate needs to be adjusted to expectancy, and then to rise.
 - Differentiating rates by FTIC's, AA Transfers, Other Transfers



- 2. Degree Production: increase in number of graduates
 - STEM degree production: increase in number of STEM graduates
- 3. Retention rates (freshman to sophomore; sophomore to junior)
- 4. Professional licensure passage rates



- 5. Economic Development Impact
 - Number of patents, licenses, royalty income
 - Business start-ups spun off of university created enterprises - # of jobs created
- 6. External research grants and contracts

7. Medical breakthroughs



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- 8. Job placement outcomes for baccalaureate graduates – collect and submit uniform data
 - Within X months
 - In critical disciplines
 - In-state
 - Starting Salaries



Increasing Employability & Starting Salaries

- Provide relevant information to students throughout their academic progress
 - Expand ALC's
 - Easily searchable website (BOG)
- Increase opportunities for students and faculty to interact with potential employers
- Job placement and salaries as a metric
 - Recognizes its importance to Legislature



The Case for STEM

Why STEM?

- Can no longer count on agriculture, tourism and real estate to provide economic foundation for Florida
 - Need knowledge- and technologybased economy
- 9 out of 10 of highest paying fields are STEM



Challenges for STEM Education

Eroding interest in science and math

- National Science Board U.S. now 17th in proportion of college students majoring in science, though in 1970 U.S. ranked 3rd
- 1970 U.S. graduated over half of world's science and engineering doctorates, now closer to 15%



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Challenges for STEM Education

Eroding interest in science and math

- 2007 Newsweek article: "Americans don't do science anymore"
 - In 9th grade girls show same interest in science and math as boys, but...
 - Women are 46% of workforce, but only 23% of science and technology workforce.
 - African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans are 24% of workforce, but only 7% of science and technology workforce



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Student Preparation in STEM

- More than half of students entering community colleges require remediation
- Students in Florida perform below students in many other states in science and math
- Test scores may be rising, as are the number of hours of advanced credit students enter college with, but basic skills are still lacking



Options to Consider

Potential STEM Initiatives

- First STEM will need a specific definition
 - Should STEM incentives include medical and health-related professions?

consider state's current investment

- 1. Differentiated/Market-based Tuition Strategies
- **2. STEM Scholarships**
- **3. Bright Futures**



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Potential STEM Initiatives

- 4. Role of FRAG & ABLE?
- **5. STEM Graduation Grants**
- 6. Loan Forgiveness
- 7. "Compete and Complete" Strategies

e.g. Computing

8. Special Recruiting, Mentoring & Advising Programs

9. Approaches for attracting out-of-state graduate students



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FUNDING SOURCES

Potential Funding Sources

- 30% of Differential Tuition
- Market Rate Tuition
- Revenue Positive Changes to Bright Futures
- Eliminate specific restrictions on current funding streams
- Eliminate spending authority limitation on student tuition & fees collected



INCENTIVIZING EXCELLENT TEACHING

- Reward effective teaching as an incentive for continuous improvement
- Create a rewards system that reflects and encourages excellence in research and

teaching

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Next: Commission on Outcome-Based Funding