

Discussion of Draft Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education in Connecticut



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Goals

1. Increase education levels of the adult population of the state to
 - Ensure that the state will have a workforce with the skills needed by a competitive economy
 - Provide citizens with the tools needed to participate in an increasingly complex society
 - Over time, reduce socioeconomic disparities and, thereby, improve the quality of life in the state's cities and towns.
 - In order to achieve these purposes it is recommended that a target be set of at least 70% of the working age population having a postsecondary credential by 2025 and that, in pursuit of this objective, priority be given to
 - Reducing attainment gaps between white and minorities.
 - Improving attainment of residents of cities' urban cores, and
 - Increasing the number of adults awarded postsecondary credentials.
 - Ensuring that the quality of education is not only sustained but improved and that credentials awarded reflect the deeper learning required to meet the intent of the goals.
2. Contribute to the development of a globally competitive economy and sustainable regions and communities.
 - Increase higher education's contributions to fostering regions and communities that have globally competitive economies and environments that have the cultural and other amenities essential to attract and retain a highly educated, diverse population.
3. Affordability: Ensure that higher education is affordable for Connecticut residents

Lines of Work - 2015

1. Finalize Strategic Master Plan
 - Document prepared for review and approval at February meeting
2. Review list of recommended statutory changes
 - Prepared by NCHEMS
 - Technical changes required to remove inconsistencies and clarify roles, responsibilities, and membership of Commission
 - Results of a more in-depth policy audit
3. Review and comment on recommendations regarding structure of finance policy – budget framework including
 - Base
 - Outcomes
 - Strategic investment
 - Student financial aid
4. Produce a baseline accountability report
 - Draft available for review in September