FORESIGHT 2020

A 10-Year Strategic Agenda for the State's Public Higher Education System

Foresight 2020 is a 10-year strategic agenda for the state's public higher education system. Adopted by the Kansas Board of Regents in September 2010, the plan sets long-range achievement goals that are measurable, reportable, and ensure the state's higher education system meets Kansans' expectations.

Align Systems & Institutions

- ★ Identify gaps between preK-12 completion and higher education expectations and direct higher education institutions to partner with local preK-12 high schools to eliminate the gaps.
- ★ Revise state university admissions standards in order to better identify preparation and performance requirements that significantly enhance student success.
- ★ Identify and implement enhancements to improve alignment of the higher education system and its institutions.

Increase Participation

- ★ Improve participation rates across the system for adult learners of all ages with special attention to under-represented students and those that reflect the racial, ethnic, and economic demography of the state.
- ★ Improve participation in Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language programs and the number of these students that continue on to higher education.
- ★ Advocate for need-based assistance to students throughout the higher education system.
- ★ Use alternate delivery systems, including distance education, to accommodate the variety of student educational needs.

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Improve Retention & Graduation Rates

- ★ Implement programs to encourage working adults who have earned substantial credit but have not earned a credential or degree to return and complete their education.
- ★ Increase the first-to-second year retention rates across the higher education system.
- ★ Increase the graduation rates across the higher education system.
- ★ Increase the number of students that earn an associate degree or higher.

Enhance Student Success

- ★ Identify a set of foundational skills critical to the success of higher education graduates in their personal and professional lives.
- ★ Measure and report on student achievement of these foundational skills.

Align with Kansas Workforce Needs

- ★ Develop an annual report to identify the workforce needs of the state and the number of higher education graduates required to fill those needs.
- ★ Develop an annual report on university research initiatives designed to meet the needs of the Kansas economy.
- ★ Increase the percentage of credentials or degrees awarded in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Ensure State University Excellence

- ★ Identify and report on benchmarks of excellence in comparison with peer institutions.
- ★ Identify and pursue areas for expansion of research capacity.
- ★ Demonstrate increased collaboration within the higher education system.