

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

2014-15 STRATEGIC AGENDA

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TARGETED OBJECTIVE

ACTION STEPS

1	Improve Monitoring and Assessment of Academic Programs and Student Services at SC Public Colleges and Universities	
	A	Establish performance metrics and outcome measures for assessment of programs
	B	Redirect CHE staffing and resources to focus on performance metrics of academic programs approved in past five years
	C	Conduct risk assessments of data security vulnerabilities
	D	Conduct periodic institutional audits of state scholarship and student aid programs funded through CHE
	E	Determine options for revisioning of Professors-of-the-Year program
2	Strengthen Existing and/or Develop New Funding Models to Sustain Public Higher Education in South Carolina	
	A	Engage the legislatively mandated Efficiency Studies Review Committee in seeking systemic approaches to higher education cost savings and economies
	B	Seek state appropriations to encourage funding innovations by institutions that increase college affordability for students
	C	Seek executive, legislative, and institutional support for adherence to statutory requirements of 59-103-35
	D	Seek executive, legislative, and institutional support for a bond bill or infrastructure bank to achieve economical financing of capital projects
	E	Re-evaluate CHE's membership in the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation
3	Align SC's Higher Education Resources to Meet Current and Future Needs of the State Most Effectively and Efficiently	
	A	Initiate a study of SC's higher education resources with recommendations to identify their most effective deployment in support of state needs
	B	Investigate the need to revise statutory sector definitions for SC's public colleges and universities
	C	Work with partner agencies and organizations to integrate workforce needs assessment into long-term statewide planning
	D	[See also Item #2A above--Efficiency Studies]
4	Improve Collaboration among All Tiers of the State's Education Enterprise from Pre-K through College/Career	
	A	Work through the Council of P-20 Agency Heads to coordinate key objectives of participating agencies
	B	Continue to strengthen communications between CHE and SDE/SBE at board, executive, and staff levels
	C	Work with SDE to align new K-12 college readiness standards with institutional admissions and math/English placement standards
	D	Work with SDE to develop college-ready remediation strategies prior to high school graduation and establish consequences for unsatisfactory institutional performance
	E	Coordinate forums to provide continuing education opportunities for institutional trustees to promote collaboration and sharing of best practices
5	Strengthen Monitoring and Assessment of Non-Public Post-Secondary Institutions Operating in SC	
	A	Establish performance metrics and outcome measures for assessment of programs at non-public institutions
	B	Redirect CHE staffing and resources to focus on performance metrics of programs at non-public institutions approved in past five years
	C	Improve functional collaboration between CHE's State Approving Agency (veterans' benefit programs) and Academic Affairs and Licensing Division