

Outline of Draft Policy Recommendations for Implementation of Strategic Plan, Phase 1

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The following is a draft outline of major policy alternatives for implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Goals for 2025

1. Adopt the goals for 2025 and related by statute and require that state funding for higher education and the strategic plans for all public institutions be aligned with the goals

Policy leadership

2. Establish an entity or venue responsible for following through on the goals that:
 - Is composed of the state's most influential civic, business/industry, and cultural leaders representing the diversity of the state's population
 - Is charged with :
 - Establishing sustaining attention to the 2025 goals
 - Adopting a perspective that incorporates private institutions (for-profit as well as not-for-profit) and their contributions into the policy framework and process for the state.
 - Ensuring the creation of a data system that supports state higher education policy formulation and monitoring of progress
 - Reporting annually on progress toward achieving the established goals
 - Advising the Governor and General Assembly on an Action Agenda and strategic finance policy to achieve goals
 - Is not encumbered by responsibilities for governing public institutions, or carrying out regulatory or administrative tasks that are inconsistent with statewide policy leadership.

Possible options:

- A. Establish a 501 (c)3 organization, perhaps chaired by the governor with an independent staff.
- B. Reconstitute the Planning Commission. Establish with membership composed of members from the executive branch and general assembly leaders and business/civic leaders, chaired by the governor, as an advisory body to the Governor and General Assembly. Staffed by OPM.

Finance policy

3. Under development

Accountability metrics and processes

4. Under development

Regulatory environment

5. Under development