

**ISSUES RAISED AT STEERING COMMITTEE
ON PERFORMANCE FUNDING MEETING *
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The following major issues were raised in discussion at the Steering Committee meeting:

1. Graduation rates as reflected in the measure do not reflect transfer students, thus giving a misleading indicator. This indicator should provide a truer perspective on higher education's success in educating the State's students.
2. As the process moves into the implementation phase, workshops need to be held in order to bring legislators, the business community, and institutional representatives together to create a common vision for higher education. These workshops would ensure that everyone affected by this process would be working from the same page.
3. Some measures are based on subjective evaluation rather than objective measures.
4. Support for research is based on dollars awarded, rather than the actual value of the research; some of the most significant research at a university is not funded.
5. The measures will need continuing revision and modification as more is learned about the process, and this may necessitate adjustments in the legislation.
6. Measures, such as the one for elimination of duplication and waste, only measure improvement, rather than existing good performance and thus may reward institutions who start a lower performance level.
7. The Commission on Higher Education should have a strategic plan, just as should the institutions, so that there is a common vision for higher education in South Carolina.