

**South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education**

Overview of Major Issues

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Division of Planning, Assessment
and Performance Funding
WHAT'S NEW IN THE DIVISION?

MEASURING UP

- State Report Card South Carolina 2002
 - ▶ Preparation D+
 - ▶ Participation D+
 - ▶ Affordability D+
 - ▶ Completion B
 - ▶ Benefits C
 - ▶ LEARNING INCOMPLETE

GOAL 6: NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS

- ... "to increase the proportion of college graduates who can communicate effectively, think critically, and solve problems."

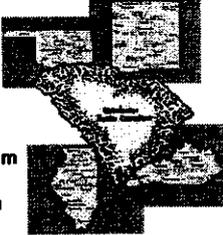
**To increase learning you have to
measure where you are –**

States govern education – therefore comparative data up to now has been difficult to obtain

FIVE STATES BEGIN

- SOUTH CAROLINA
- NEW MEXICO
- KENTUCKY
- ILLINOIS
- OKLAHOMA

Working with the **National Forum on College Level Learning** these states are charged with creating a national model to measure student learning at the STATE level



MEASURES USED IN PROJECT

- Collect data from existing sources
 - ▶ GRE scores
 - ▶ Licensure scores
 - ▶ National Assessment of Adult Literacy
- Test students on multiple measures
 - ▶ National Survey of Student Engagement
 - ▶ Work Keys
 - ▶ Tasks in Critical Thinking
 - ▶ Peterson's On-Line Alumni Survey

CHARGE FOR SC INSTITUTIONS

- No more than 2 hours of testing time per campus: FALL 2003
- Students must be near degree completion
- 1200-1500 students from 2-year public colleges take 2 Work Keys Tests (Oversampling possible at project price)
- 1200-1500 students from 4-year private and public colleges take Tasks of Critical Thinking and NSSE
- 1500 Alumni state-wide (4-yr colleges) to take 15 minute on-line Peterson's Alumni Survey (Spring 2003)



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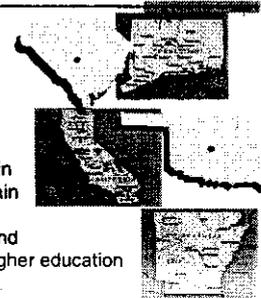
- Report required licensure scores
- Serve as State Liaison to institutions
- Work with National Forum to obtain GRE scores
- Serve as central data source and control
- Lead national conversations on what instruments can appropriately be used to measure student learning at the state level

WHAT DO WE GET FROM THIS?

- S.C. Colleges get free instruments
- S.C. Colleges have a chance to critique the instruments and process at its most changeable point -- the pilot
- More years to improve before non-project states' data is reported
- The ability to wrap the outcomes into the FIPSE project

FIPSE II PROJECT

- SOUTH CAROLINA
OKLAHOMA
CALIFORNIA
CONNECTICUT
ARKANSAS
- Defining best practices in accountability that contain college costs, measure student achievement, and re-new public trust in higher education



FIPSE PROGRESS TO DATE

- State Team -- Reforming under Governor Sanford
- Recruitment of American Association of State Colleges and Universities as partner in project
- State Directors meeting for April in Oklahoma to structure state timelines, communication plans, share goal ideas
- Proposals to be presented for conferences
- Grant Pre-Proposal submitted to Lumina

CONFERENCES/Presentations

- Denver Colorado Jan. 9 -12
Measuring UP Project Directors
- Clear Point, Alabama Feb. 6 -9
AASCU -- Annual National Academic Affairs Conf.
- Louisville, KY Feb 12 -15
Measuring UP: State Leaders hosted by Gov. Patton
- Myrtle Beach SC: Feb. 22 -23
SC Association of Institutional Researchers
- FIPSE Project Directors: Oklahoma City, April
- World Future Conference, San Diego CA July 18-20