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## Five Strategic Questions for Constructing a Higher Education Public Agenda for Kansas

1. ***Alignment w/K-12.*** Are we satisfied that high school graduation expectations are aligned with college preparation expectations? Are those students moving into our system from the state's high schools prepared to meet postsecondary expectations?
2. ***Participation.*** Are we satisfied with the level of participation (the percentage of high school graduates who move on to postsecondary education within a year of graduation) in our state's higher education system? Are we satisfied that those participation rates adequately reflect the demographic composition of our state? Finally, are we satisfied with the participation of adult learners in our higher education system?
3. ***Persistence.*** Are we satisfied with our institutional retention and completion rates – the percentages of students who persist in our institutions through to certificate or degree completion?
4. ***Alignment with the Kansas Economy.*** Are we satisfied that within the offerings to which our students are exposed during their time in our postsecondary institutions, the programs, resources, and incentives are aligned with the workforce demands of our state's economy? Further, are we satisfied with the level of innovation-spurring research and discovery that is being produced within our universities?
5. ***Learner Outcomes.*** Are we satisfied that those who complete our educational programs (earn our certificates and degrees) have not only mastered the specific competencies associated with their discipline, but also possess the cross-cutting, non-disciplinary skills and competencies necessary for success?