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HI,

Here are my suggestions for alternative structuring of Arizona higher education:

- 1) Let ASU West maintain itself as a Research Institution, especially in social science and global studies. It should separate itself from Arizona State University (ASU) and be its own institution, though.
- 2) Rename ASU West to Goldwater State University (GSU). It would both honor the late Sen. Goldwater and reflect the progressive nature of that school. Also, it would make [west] Phoenix consistent with Detroit having Wayne State University, Cleveland having Kent State University, and Indianapolis having Ball State University.
- 3) ASU East could separate itself from Arizona State University (ASU) and be its own institution, called Arizona Polytechnic University. It would focus on having Arizona's polytechnic education and would prevent other public universities (i.e., ASU, UA, GSU) from offering technology/polytechnic degrees.
- 4) Allow the Maricopa Community College District to offer 4-year bachelors degree. These will be undergraduate only, with NO research. Basically, a 'no-frills' education for those on the strictest budget (especially working adults) covering general studies, liberal arts, general business, and general education. They will NOT offer 4-year degree programs requiring capital-intensive laboratories, like natural science, technology, and engineering.

This can be implemented by allowing only certain community colleges, like the main campuses of Phoenix, Mesa and Glendale, that are located in the heart of the metro areas to offer BOTH 2-year and 4-year programs, while the suburban community colleges located in the fringes of the metro areas would continue to focus on ONLY 2-year programs. In this scenario, Phoenix College, Mesa Community College, and Glendale Community College would be renamed Phoenix State College, Mesa State College, and Glendale State College, respectively, and the names would reflect the large populations of those cities.

An alternative implementation of this would be to allow the Maricopa Community Colleges to create a Maricopa State College, with each college dictating the demand for upper-division coursework.

Well, there are my suggestions. I hope this makes a difference... OK, thanks.

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