



# Student Stakeholder Group Status Report

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# Student Stakeholder Group Meetings

- ◆ Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Arizona State University (Tempe campus)
- ◆ Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>
  - University of Arizona
- ◆ Next meeting: Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Conference Call



# Student Stakeholder Group Progress

- ◆ Currently drafting a “Concerns Resolution”
  - Includes topics and issues that students feel should be addressed by the redesign



# Key Topics for Students

- ◆ Access
- ◆ Affordability
- ◆ Economic Viability
- ◆ Perception
- ◆ Quality

# Access

## ◆ Diversity

- No university or university system (e.g. the regional universities) should become a “minority magnet”
- Financial “funneling” to certain universities should be avoided



# Access continued

## ◆ Growth vs. Accessibility

- Is the redesign just accommodating for Arizona's future growth, or is it going to make the universities more accessible?





# Access continued

## ◆ Graduate Students

- The emphasis for the redesign is on undergraduate student growth; is the graduate student population going to grow?
- Where will graduate students from ASU West and NAU go if these schools become regional universities?



# Affordability

## ◆ Financial Aid

- Groups of needy students who are not supported by financial aid need to be helped
- How can need-based financial aid be increased?

## ◆ Graduate Students

- How can graduate students with financial need be supported?
- How can TAs and GAs receive 100% tuition remissions?



# Affordability continued

## ◆ Regional Universities

- Students who cannot afford to leave their hometown to attend college need to be served
- If students are making decisions based solely on money, is it possible that research institutions could lose diversity

## ◆ Community Colleges

- More outreach to community colleges is needed



# Economic Viability

## ◆ State Funds

- Will the state legislature appropriate more money for the university redesign?
  - Where will the money come from when Arizona does not have the money to support the existing system?

## ◆ Other Funding Possibilities

- Private sector/business sponsorships
- Partnerships with private universities



# Perception

- ◆ The way in which Arizona's universities and the redesign are perceived should be evaluated
  - Enrollment side (high school students, parents, counselors, teachers)
  - Graduation side (graduate schools, employers)
  - Others (general public, media, other regions of the country)



# Quality

- ◆ Cost of Education
  - Do people equate quality with cost?
- ◆ Maintaining/Increasing Quality of Education
  - How can both quality and quantity be increased?
  - How do we get more students to go to college without the negative side effects?