

Engagement and Data Gathering Session

Group: Strategic Planning Team
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Date: September 18, 2014
Design: Future Timeline
Attendees: 37

KEY DATA:

Top Events?

- Upper administrative changes
- New modes of learning
- Funding tied to accountability
- Key retirements

Top Trends?

- Faculty retention/pay
- Residential campus vs. alternative options to pursuing a degree
- Legislative influences
- Student loans—access and debt
- Decrease in funding while increased competition for funding

Top Issues?

- Change in demographics
- Aging infrastructure
- Unfunded mandates
- Experiential learning (can't do it all online)
- Rapid changes in technology—training, funding, support of educational corridor (I35/I45)
- Career opportunities for grads

Surprises?

- Aging faculty and staff
- Hazelwood mandate
- Annexed by a system

Discoveries?

- Role of HR in searches, recruiting
- Bookstore contract and introduction of e-books
- Increased **disability student population and support services**