The Virginia Plan for Higher Education

Goals of the Plan:

1. Provide affordable access for all
2. Optimize student success for work and life
3. Drive change and improvement through investment and innovation
4. Advance the cultural and economic prosperity of the Commonwealth and its regions

Priority Initiatives for Consideration by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

1. Coordinate the development and implementation of programs that align resources from PK12, community colleges, universities and other public sources to ensure affordable, efficient and effective pathways for students in all parts of the state.
2. Seek legislative changes that support stable and sustainable public funding for higher education, such as a constitutional amendment, a dedicated funding sources, and a revenue stabilization fund.
3. Review and recommend potential initiatives for further restructuring and shared services that enhance institutional and administrative flexibility and improve support improvements in quality and efficiency.
4. Collaborate with institutions to measure the quality of undergraduate education, including civic engagement of graduates and relevance to demand occupations across regions of the state.
5. Launch a communications strategy to address public knowledge and benefits of higher education, including Council reports, traditional media, and social media and other means.
6. To support economic development for the Commonwealth by implementing a long-term plan, undertake a long-term initiative that supports recruitment and retention of research faculty, provides matches to federal and private research grants and enhances commercialization of higher education research.

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