

# National Higher Education Challenges

- Academic freedom / freedom of expression
- Increase the number of Americans with postsecondary certificates and degrees
- Cost and affordability
- Changing demographics
- The role of higher education research and workforce development in economic development
- Quality, productivity, and efficiency
- Competition from new providers
- Public trust
- Questioning the value of higher education

# Local Higher Education Challenges

- Recent legislative issues
  - AJR 5 and NSHE governance issues
  - Cooperative Extension
  - Transfer and articulation concerns
  - Creation of separate systems (community colleges)
- Funding
- Low higher education participation rates
- Low overall student success rates
  - Need more focus on underserved populations
- Meeting the demands of a changing workforce
  - Job creation/elimination
  - Alignment with economic forecasting
- New leadership in the Executive branch ( i.e. Governor)
- North/South issues
- Cost and affordability