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External Institutional Assessment Tool to Enhance Regional Innovation and Prosperity

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Part 1 - Characteristics to help universities become the best possible partner in regional economic growth & development

Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity

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Universities are playing an increasingly important role in regional economic development initiatives. In order to be successful in this role, there are a number of important characteristics that must be taken into account. These characteristics include: a) historical missions of public colleges and universities; b) structural elements (e.g., existence of specific positions, programs or offices to facilitate increased partnerships with the external community; c) established interfaces between the university and the community; and d) an understanding of the important synergistic relationship between the local university and regional economic development. Ultimate success can only occur if there is a reciprocal relationship with the external community, recognizing its contributions and respecting its knowledge and perspective. As public colleges and universities continue to define their roles in economic development, it is important to receive feedback from community partners regarding an institution's perceived performance. The following is a set of questions that address the key characteristics of economically engaged colleges and universities. Your feedback will provide important information regarding current performance and future directions.

As you consider the following characteristics, please consider that an institution may be economically engaged without demonstrating all of the characteristics listed in this document. This tool does not pretend to capture every possible issue or topic related to an institution's role in regional economic development. Innovation to enhance and create economic prosperity depends on regional factors, including the capabilities of the educational institution. Therefore, it is our intent to use this document as a checklist or guide to stimulate conversations both on campus and within the community that will result in appropriate strategies and actions. These efforts will enhance the institution's economic role and impact on its local, regional, and/or state-wide community while providing benefits to faculty and students and advancing the institution's research, instruction, and broader social objectives.

Depending on their history and mission, universities focus their economic development initiatives on geographic footprints of varying sizes. Metropolitan universities generally serve specific cities. Regional universities concentrate on areas within definable regional boundaries. Land-grant and flagship institutions think of themselves as serving the entire state. Some institutions view themselves as serving national and international constituencies. This document uses the word "community" to define the geographic area being served, recognizing that the service area under discussion varies by institution and sometimes by specific programs or economic development activities.

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Part 2-A: Institutional Leadership

HOW DO YOU ASSESS FRESNO STATE'S PERFORMANCE?

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each statement pertains to the 3 questions or scales below:

- I. How aware are you of Fresno State's activities or positions in these areas? (AWARENESS)
- II. How important are these activities to the region's economic growth? (IMPORTANCE)
- III. For areas where you have knowledge, how well do you feel Fresno State is performing? (PERFORMANCE)

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Articulates mission expectations that contribute to economic growth in the community.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Works closely with governments and businesses to understand regional economic priorities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	000	0	000	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Identifies key strengths of the university and, where appropriate, aligns them with the strengths and innovation needs of regional industry, expectations of government leaders and the economic development priorities of the community.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Actively focuses on the training and education of incumbent and future workers to create the skills necessary for regional competitiveness in the 21st century.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	000
5. Actively engages senior campus leaders in regional economic development dialogue and initiatives.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
University informs faculty of opportunities for, and the benefits of, their participation in regional economic development activities.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Part 2-B: University Creates/Encourages Innovation and Partnerships

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7. Has reward systems that foster faculty involvement in economic development (e.g., technology transfer, creation of intellectual property, award of patents and licenses, and establishment of start-up companies) and community partnerships.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Actively supports and works to strengthen university-community partnerships.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Supports consulting and exchange programs for faculty, internship opportunities for students and other programs that enhance university-community partnerships.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0
10. Brings different parts of the university together to address complex community needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Supports alignment of curriculum to meet continuing education requirements of industry.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Encourages the development of efficient contracting procedures for doing business with the institution and to access university research and instructional resources.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0

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Part 2-C: University as a Source of Activities that Benefit the Public

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13. University assets support and enhance regional economic activity.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Student education programs (degree, certificate, continuing education) are timely and align with changing regional needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Develops and maintains a vibrant technology transfer and commercialization capability emphasizing regional economic growth objectives.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Links the university to the regional technology base (e.g., technology transfer advisory boards comprised of external stakeholders, entrepreneurship programs for faculty and students, seed funding programs for university-based startups, incubators (real or virtual), and research parks.).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	000	0	000	0	0
17. Promotes linkages and lowers barriers between faculty and regional companies seeking access to expertise.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18. Works with business and government leaders to capitalize on the university's visual and performing arts, sports and other cultural activities to cultivate a dynamic local environment and attract a talented workforce.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	000	0

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Part 2-D: University Contributes to the Regional Innovation Economy

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19. Fosters strategic public-private partnerships and programs, including those with national laboratories and local and regional industry.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
20. Creates an infrastructure that supports innovation, such as programs that enable proof of concept/reduction to practice R&D, pilot facilities, technical assistance, and venture capital.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Partners with community members to define public and private investments that catalize economic and innovative growth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. Develops partnerships with government at all levels to retain and expand existing businesses, create and attract new businesses, and build industry clusters.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23. Initiates and participates in efforts to train students to work in those industries.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Provides technical assistance and support to small businesses.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Facilitates collaboration across boundaries to overcome regional barriers to innovation.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Part 2-E: Educational Opportunities and Programs are Relevant

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26. Creates a culture of entrepreneurship across the institution, including the development of entrepreneurship opportunities for students.	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0
27. Delivers flexible curricula available at times and places - and through appropriate delivery mechanisms - that enable students and community workforce members to pursue career paths that are in demand.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	000	0	00	0	0
28. Provides formal opportunities for student skill development through innovative internships and coop experiences across a wide range of academic programs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29. Ensures that placement services highlight regional placement opportunities.	0	0	•	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0

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Part 2-F: University is Open, Accessible and Responsive to Community Needs

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30. Maintains user-friendly systems to access an inventory of faculty and staff expertise and advanced research and development facilities.	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31. Provides a designated point of contact for industry and economic development agencies.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32. Develops structures and networks (e.g., advisory groups, forums) to facilitate meetings between key university faculty, staff and administrators and the region's business and government leaders.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33. Facilitates civic discourse and contributes to community understanding of complex issues.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Part 2-G:University Communicates Contributions, Successes and Achievements that Benefit Region

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34. Effectively communicates successful collaborations utilizing all avenues of dissemination.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Reports economic development that help local and regional stakeholders.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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36. How effective is Fresno State as a collabora	itor?	
37. Overall, how effective is Fresno State in der	monstrating lead	oxdot dership in areas relevant to the region's economic growth?
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38. How could Fresno State be a better partner	with you and/o	or your organization on economic development issues?
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