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COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

The Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education was created by the Academy to examine the current state of American undergraduate education, project

1 Determine your state's numerical educational attainment goals, communicate and promote these objectives to your residents, and coordinate with colleges, universities, and other public and private entities to achieve these goals. Help set meaningful stretch goals for increasing college completion rates; track improvement by population subgroup by utilizing state longitudinal data systems; and support campuses through targeted institutional allocations and student financial aid.

2 Make college completion a top state priority using discretionary funds for competitive grants that encourage evidence-based approaches to improving completion, such as promoting informed program choices, limiting excess credits, reducing developmental coursework, improving teaching, and redesigning curricula.

3 Improve student transfer by working collaboratively with college and university leaders, undergirded by an openness to evaluating and recognizing college-level learning that takes place at multiple institutions through various models. Align learning programs and expectations across institutions and sectors through implementing a transferable general education core, defining transfer pathway maps within popular disciplines, and supporting transfer-focused advising systems that help students.

4 Ensure that public institutions are provided with adequate funding to fulfill their missions, in partic-

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