A Central Element in the Framework for Change in College Admissions:
*The Process of Policy Change*

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Day One: Key Themes

- We've been having this conversation for decades. Enough, already.

  *Will the next generation be having this same conversation?*

- Leadership is key.

  *Let's go back and talk to our presidents and provosts…and faculty…*

- We need external measures of accountability

  *We may need to shame our institutions into action…*
From What to How:
Stepping Back and Assessing the Big Picture

- Research- and experience-based solutions that may advance needed change in college admissions are just that...potential solutions in need of a game plan.

Now what?
Key Elements in the Process of Policy Change

- **Compliance:** Federal and State Law/Accreditation
- **Educational Soundness:** Valid, Effective, Cost-Efficient
- **Systems Alignment**
- **Clear Goals & Objectives**
- **Political Will & Stakeholder Support**

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Key Issues

- Mission clarity
  
  Access, access, access…and we mean what, precisely?

  - E.g., vs. diversity

- We will have been successful when…

- What are our benchmarks?

  - We measure what matters (even though everything that matters is not measureable, at least easily)
We're not islands in a stream...

...or baby grands in a bay...
Key Issues

- Leverage!
- Ensure comprehensive work toward a coherent system of incentives

- Federal
- State
  - Postsecondary
  - K-12
  - Workforce
- University system
- Institution
- Workforce
Key Issues

- Are all key constituencies meaningfully part of the relevant conversation?
  - Transparency
  - Common understanding
  - Foundations for action
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