

Entrepreneurial and Fiscally Prudent Presidents, Boards, & Campuses: Ensuring Financial Vitality & Preserving Mission© Prepared for the **New York State Board of Regents** March 11, 2013 **Todd S. Hutton, President**

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The Imperative of Social Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Transformation



Books, articles, presentations galore

- The Innovation University: Changing the DNA of the Higher Education from the Inside Out (Christensen & Eyrling, 2011)
- Crisis on Campus: A Bold Plan for Reforming Our Colleges & Universities (Taylor, 2010)
- Reinventing Higher Education: The Promise of Innovation (Wildavsky, Kelly & Carey, 2011)
- Moody's Investor Service, "US Higher Education Outlook Negative in 2013," Januar6 16, 2013 (http:// marquette.edu/budget/documents/ USHigherEducationOut...)



Perspectives on the state of higher education

Higher education could be among the next economic sectors to "undergo massive restructuring." or "The American model is beginning to creak and groan, and may not be the model the rest of the world wants to emulate."

> James J. Duderstadt President Emeritus, U. of Michigan



"I would maintain that efforts directed toward the restoration of normalcy in the academic sector are inherently misguided because, long before the economy proved that our sense of mastery over the course of events was not fully justified, American higher education had been marked not by advancement or even equilibrium but rather ossification, if not outright decline..." (continued)



...What is required is a new model for our colleges and universities, a new set of assumptions that encourages institutions to innovate and differentiate....What will be required are institutional models that offer access to excellence to a broad demographic range of students. This, then, is a call for our colleges and universities to recover some of our nation's core egalitarian values to advance a system of higher education that will meet our needs in the future."

> Michael M. Crow President, Arizona State U.



"Colleges & universities are not immune to the desire to see over the horizon....

Institutional executives face decisions that have become so complex and capital-intensive that there is virtually no margin for error. Institutions-and their leaders—must be flexible enough to see around the next corner, nimble enough to jump over sudden obstacles, focused enough to create opportunities, and decisive enough to seize them."

Kaludis Consulting, 2011



"But there is nothing funny about the need for innovation and the resistance to change [by universities]....

Change only happens on the ground. The American university, the place where new ideas are born and lives are transformed, will eventually focus that lens of innovation upon itself. It's just a matter of time."

> Ann Kirschner University Dean William E. Macaulay Honors College City University of New York and Director, The Apollo Group⁸



And a cautionary note...

As more nonprofit colleges disappear or are acquired by for-profits, we will experience a continued erosion of something special and profound: a true and enduring commitment to the well-rounded development of the student. In that respect, we all lose.

> Jonathan Brand President, Doane College



A different caution from Moody's

The US higher education sector has hit a critical juncture in the evolution of its business model. Most universities will have to lower their cost structures to achieve long-term financial sustainability and <u>to fund</u> <u>future initiatives</u>.



Also from Moody's

Better strategic leadership, predicated on improved governance and management, will be the backbone to transforming university operations and taking on the entrenched cost drivers of the business model: shared governance, classroom instruction, tenure, and student life services.



Similar note from Moody's...

The negative economic and political pressure built up during the post 2009 financial crisis period is finally proving to be the catalyst for universities to focus more aggressively on operating efficiency and cost containment. However, deeper and more structural changes will be necessary to adjust to the long-term muted prospect for revenue growth.



More from Moody's...

We expect the higher education sector to continue to invest in online education and distance learning programs.... These programs allow universities to both grow enrollment and tuition revenue, as well as increase flexibility and productivity of faculty.



Still more from Moody's...

Universities are complex organizations playing an increasingly important public and economic role in their communities and regions.... Universities now require board and senior management teams that can produce competitive strategies, transparent policies, and effective oversight as well as decisive action on important subjects or in times of crisis.



Caution is prudent BUT the forces of change are enormous



External Forces



The Economy

Affordability

Changing perception of value



CICU SOLUTIONS FOR NEW YORK'S FUTURE



State High School Graduates Declining



Source: New York State Education Department, Office of Research and Information Systems Note: Percentage decrease calculated using actual 2008 graduates to projected 2019 graduates.

- New York State entering a period of decreasing traditional student enrollments
 - High school graduates are forecast to drop 16.5%



But...In this changing world there are significant challenges: External

Demographics

The Economy

Reduction in State Funds

Wild fluctuations in endowments & loss of contributions



But...In this changing world there are significant challenges: External

Affordability & changing perception of value (see next slide)



- Price of tuition, fees, R&B has risen avg of 6.3% annually for 3 decades
- From 1990-2009 tuition and fees have risen 275%---health care costs have risen 245% !!
- Colleges are reaching the limits of the \$ that underwrite costs—discounts, annual giving, state subsidies, federal aid, endowment earnings
- THE H.E. FINANCIAL MODEL IS
 BREAKING DOWN!



And more...

Emerging international competition (Bologna Accord, Asia Pacific alliances, emerging universities in China)

Competition between and among sectors

- BS/BAs at community colleges
- 2-year colleges becoming 4-year
- State universities recruiting transfers
- Independent schools seeking state dollars
- State schools adopting private marketing



Competition & challenges from proprietary institutions & innovative nonprofits & publics

Consumer needs & expectations

Declining marketplace differentiation



Internal Challenges

Capitalization of initiatives & new ventures

Discount rates

Aging campuses



Internal continued...

Shared governance & the apparatus of decision making

Aversion to risk

Expense structure



Internal continued...

Reverence for tradition

Institutional Inertia

Politics of change



Internal continued...

Entitlements of academic life

Fill in the blank with your own realities



External Forces & Internal Challenges Aside...

Our Reality is Changing



The "world" we know is changing

We know the fate of the old auto industry...

Do we know the fate of the traditional college campus?





There will always be a market for the traditional college





But the market is expanding rapidly and becoming more diverse

- Emergence of
 - -new business models
 - -new "product lines"
 - -new delivery methods
 - and alternative institutions



Pioneers Early Adopters of New Business Models

- Regis University
- St. Leo University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Webster University
- TCS, Inc.
- Western Governors
- Hiiram College
- Empire State
- Others



"TCS Education System (TCS ES) is an innovative, nonprofit enterprise built on the premise that business success and social impact need not be mutually exclusive."







Hiram College Model *Hiram Ventures, Inc.*












Educational Services Providers



24/7 Help Desk

Instructional Development



One Form of Hybrid







An existing hybrid





The Emerging Hybrid: Goldstein's "Newer Model"







Fundamental Premises

- Control over core academic functions remains with the Institution.
- Non-core functions are *contracted* to the Service Provider (JV).
- The relationship between the Institution and the Service Provider is *transparent* to and does not *compromise* the accreditation, licensure or tax status of the institution.









A hybrid will...

Demand that institutions develop new markets even more ambitiously... geographic, disciplinary,

Require new ways of thinking, delivering, and assessing

Require an expanded business model

Necessitate careful infusion of new talent as old & new positions are filled



Necessitate careful infusion of new technologies as old & new are phased in...and out

Maintain a dynamic equilibrium between mission and evolving models

Require preserving core values



✓ new business models -new "product lines" -new delivery methods and alternative institutions We have an undifferentiated market at this time.







Will we see disruption to the extent that Clayton Christensen predicts?Will we lose our monopoly on degree credentials?

Only the market will tell.



And we ignore the market at our own peril!



A Word about Possible Barriers



- Uncoordinated state authorization of online programs (national)
- State authorization that requires unnecessary financial fees (national)
- Definition of program (NY)
- Definition and regulation of the use of "university"
- Definition of site, center, and branch
- Resources of NY DOE to serve higher education



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