



# Preparing Missourians to Succeed

## A Blueprint for Higher Education

### Public Hearings

The Department of Higher Education is hosting nine meetings across the state to solicit the public's views and ideas for a new coordinated plan for higher education. The meetings will be held December 2014 through June 2015. Written comments can be submitted online at [www.dhe.mo.gov/blueprintcomments.php](http://www.dhe.mo.gov/blueprintcomments.php) by June 30, 2015.

#### **December 11, 2014 – O'Fallon, Mo.**

*Area of focus: Commerce and industry.*

9:25 a.m. to noon

Component Bar Company

Midwest Machine Tool Training Center (MMTTC)

3855 Corporate Centre Dr.

O'Fallon, MO 63368

#### **December 11 – St. Louis, Mo.**

*Area of focus: A regional approach: The economy, business and higher education.*

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce

1 Metropolitan Square, Suite 1300

St. Louis, MO 63102

#### **January 29, 2015 – Jefferson City, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: State government and higher education: Issues and remedies. Also: Institutional associations.*

9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Harry S Truman State Office Building, Rm. HST 490/492

301 West High St.

Jefferson City, MO 65101

#### **February 5, 2015 – Columbia, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: The linkage between university research, entrepreneurship and economic opportunity. Also: Partnerships and collaborations.*

9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

University of Missouri

Memorial Union, Mark Twain Ballroom, 2nd Floor

518 Hitt St.

Columbia, MO 65211

#### **March 16, 2015 – Kirksville, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: The value of a liberal arts education and voices in higher education. Also: Affordability, state and federal student financial aid programs, financial literacy.*

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Truman State University

Student Union, Georgian Room

901 South Franklin

Kirksville, MO 63501

#### **April 9, 2015 – St. Joseph, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: Evolving concepts in educational delivery: Innovation partnerships: Western Governor's University and competency-based online education. Also: Missouri's technology infrastructure needs, evolutionary change in career/technical education.*

1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Heartland Foundation, emPowerU

518 S 6th St.

St. Joseph, MO 64501

#### **April 10 – Kansas City, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: Education and the health professions.*

*Also: Increasing the number of STEM graduates, proprietary institutions.*

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Community College

Penn Valley Health and Science Institute

3444 Broadway

Kansas City, MO 64111

#### **June 3, 2015 – Springfield, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: Alternative financial models for college and university operations.*

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ozarks Technical Community College

Jared Family Atrium

1001 E. Chestnut Expressway

Springfield, MO 65802

#### **June 4, 2015 – Cape Girardeau, Mo.**

*Areas of focus: Education challenges in the rural setting. Also: Completion strategies: Early college, transition, retention, alternative pathways, career maps, block scheduling and accelerated certificate/degree completion, excellence. Also: Preparing the next generation of teachers.*

9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Southeast Missouri State University

University Center Ballroom (4th floor)

388 Henderson Avenue

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

*Dates, times, locations and areas of focus are subject to change. Refer to [dhe.mo.gov/blueprintpublicmeetings.php](http://dhe.mo.gov/blueprintpublicmeetings.php) for updates.*