Higher Education Data Advisory Council (HEDAC)  
Charge

Effective statewide strategic planning and public accountability rely upon accurate data, research, and analysis. The Missouri higher education community historically has been a leader in the collection and use of information to inform policy decisions and demonstrate system-wide performance and improvement.

The challenge for Missouri higher education is to work with institutional stakeholders to create data collection, management, and report outlets that:

1. Identify effective strategies and potential for improvement
2. Provide consistent, reliable, valid, and secure data and information
3. Address institutional needs and return useful information to institutional stakeholders
4. Maximize efficiency in the collection and transfer of data
5. Address legislative and other policymaker questions
6. Clearly demonstrate institutional and system-wide accountability to the public
7. Integrate available data and research with P-20 (CBEC, DESE, DED) and other national and community partners (KCAERC, NCCBP, VSA, NSSE, HLC, etc.)

To advance these goals, the MDHE is establishing the Missouri Higher Education Data Advisory Council (HEDAC). This advisory council will work with the MDHE to identify needs and areas for improvement in the data collection and reporting process.

The advisory council will:

1. Have open participation, voting when necessary will be limited to one vote per institution
2. Meet at least bi-monthly and as needed
3. Focus upon improving data collection efficiency and encourage cooperation in the higher education community
4. Recommend the addition and deletion of data elements from surveys and EMSAS
5. Assist in the design, review, and field testing of data collection instruments
6. Consult with the MDHE on data definitions and methodology
7. Work with MDHE to sponsor an annual data conference to inform institutional data coordinators about changes in statewide data collection and reporting

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